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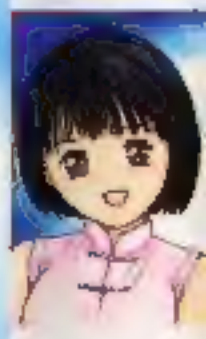


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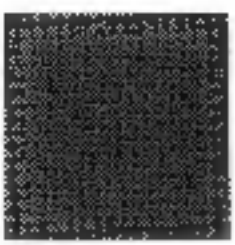
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愛人
AI-REN
#1 BACK TO SPRING WITH YOU


ゴボッ
NOW, IT WILL SWITCH INTO PULMONARY RESPIRATION.


PLEASE COME CLOSER AND TAKE A LOOK.
IT'LL PROBABLY BE VERY TOUCHING SINCE THIS IS THE BIRTH OF A NEW LIFE FORM.


CAN YOU FEEL THE LIFE ENERGY COMING FROM HER?
SHE WAS BROUGHT INTO THIS WORLD FOR YOUR SAKE.

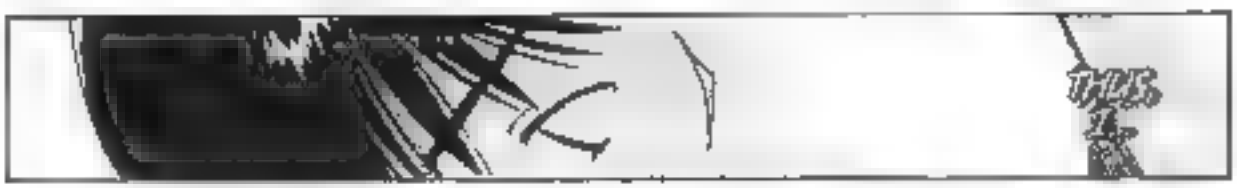

SHE WILL LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE IN THE WORLD.


NOTE: AI = LOVE
SHE IS YOUR "AI-REN".


IT'S THE FIRST TIME THE REQUESTOR HIMSELF HAS EVER COME IN PERSON TO APPLY
I DECIDED TO TURN IN AN APPLICATION FOR THE "ALIEN HOPE" PROGRAM AT THE BEATIFICATION CENTER
YOUR CASE IS A VERY ODD ONE, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY
AND THEY APPROVED IT
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
AS IF IT WAS NOTHING
SHE IS YOURS FROM NOW ON.


BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE BESIDE YOU
THERE'S NO NEED TO FEEL GUILTY OR DIRTY ABOUT REQUESTING AN AI-REN.


ESPE-CIALLY IN SITUATIONS LIKE YOURS.




I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE THE REMAINING OF YOUR LIFE HAPPILY.
WELL THEN.

AI-REN

HUMAN BEING MADE OUT OF
ARTIFICIAL GENES WITH THE PURPOSE OF
RELIEVING THE MENTAL DESPAIR OF A PATIENT
DURING HIS/HER LAST MOMENTS OF HIS/HER LIFE




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THEY TOLD ME YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK AND WALK TODAY
AH AH-
THAT'S RIGHT
AH - AH -
WHAT'S WRONG?
+H!!
AH. - AH.
AH
"THUMP" "THUMP"
AH
AH
IT'S THE SEA! IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING IT SINCE YOU JUST CAME TO LIFE, RIGHT?
WATCH OUT!!
AA- AH!!
A...I...




IT'S BEAUTIFUL


WE'RE HERE
THIS IS MY HOUSE
AND FROM NOW ON, YOU'LL BE LIVING HERE WITH ME
A - I -
LET'S GET ALONG WELL


I'M YOSHIZUMI IKURU
A - I
IT MEANS "BEING ALIVE" ISN'T IT AN IRONIC NAME?
AH -
YOU SEEM PRETTY HAPPY
I WONDER WHAT NAME I SHOULD GIVE YOU.
A - I -


AI!"
NOTE: AI ALSO MEANS "YES" IN JAPANESE — EQUIVALENT OF HAI
HAHA! CAN I CALL YOU "AI" THEN?
A - I
YOU CAN'T EAT FOOD YET, RIGHT?
THAT'S A PITY I CAN COOK VERY WELL, YOU KNOW?
WHAT AM I DOING.
I'LL COOK TOMORROW FOR YOU THOUGH.
A - I

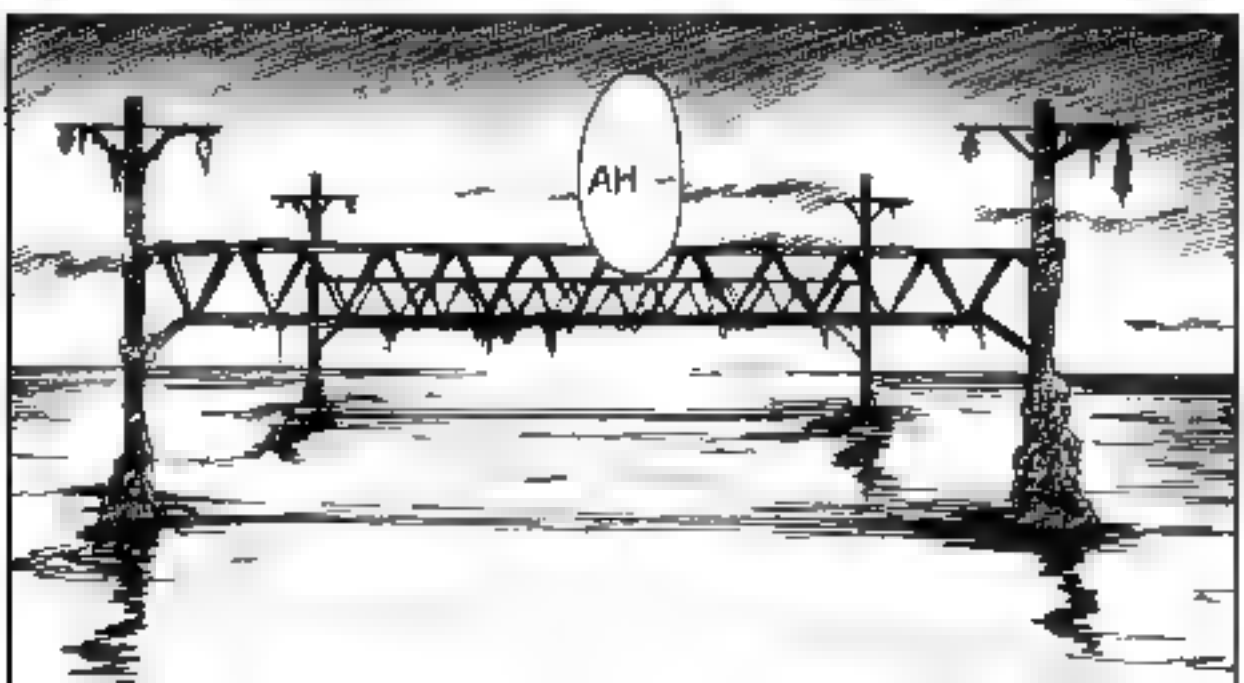

WHAT A FUNNY WAY OF COMFORT...
IT'S PERSONALITY IS CHEMICALLY PROGRAMMED, MAKING IT SIMILAR TO A DOLL..
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE AI-REN CAN TALK BECAUSE....
I FEEL REALLY LONELY
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A LIE OR NOT REAL
BECAUSE I CAN FEEL REAL LONELINESS NOW
BUT IT'S OK I WAS REALLY HAPPY TODAY WHEN WE WERE COMING HERE



SFX. "PET PET"



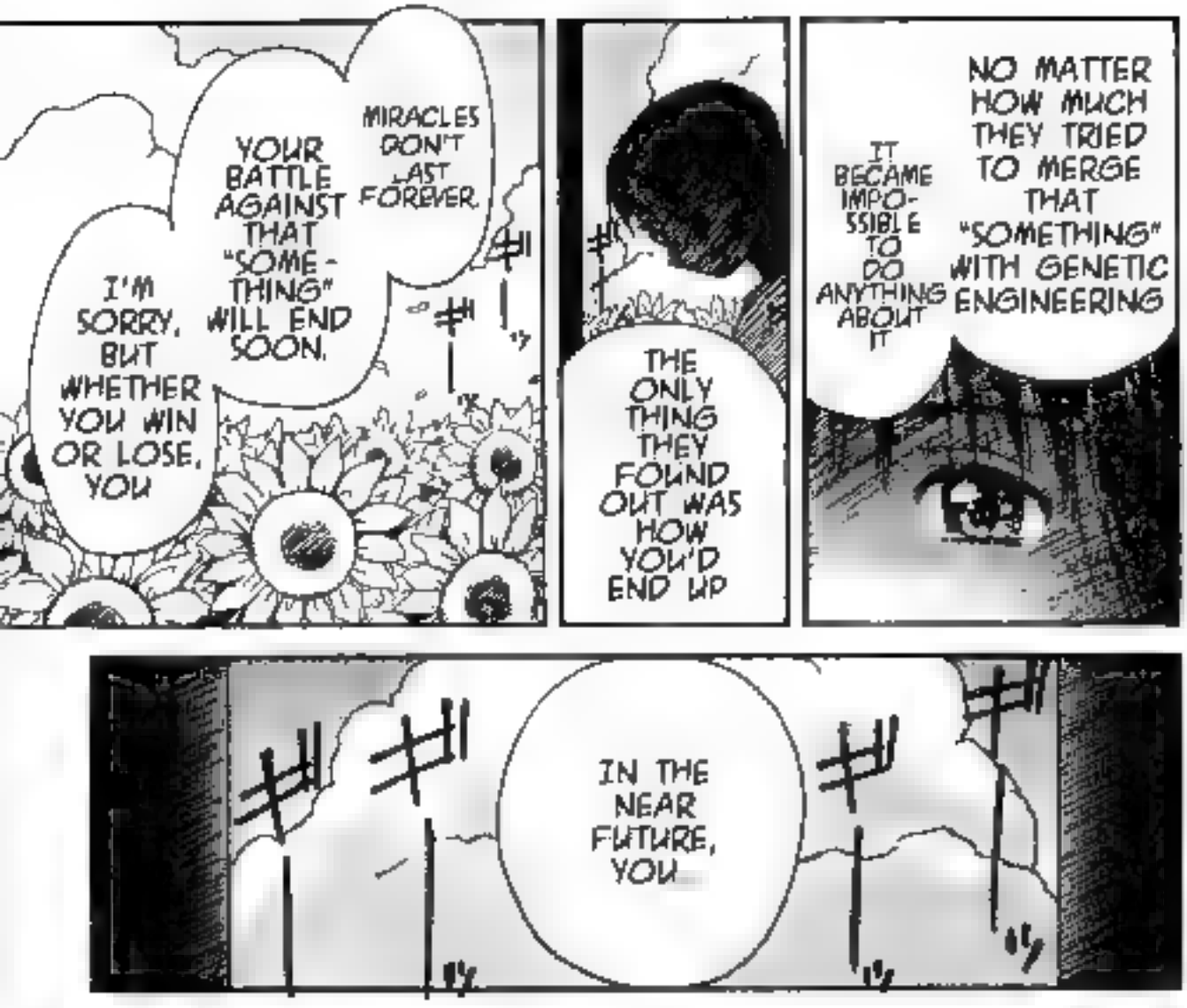





IS IT REALLY OCTOBER?
IT'S HOT
THEY FINALLY REACHED A DECISION ABOUT YOU
THIS IS VERY IMPO-RTANT, SO PAY ATTEN-TION.
THE CRIC-KETS ARE AWF-ULLY LOUD TODAY
HOW ARE YOU FEE-LING?
OK


OF COURSE YOU DON'T REMEMBER IT
BUT AS SOON AS YOU WERE BORN YOU WERE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT WITH YOUR PARENTS.
YOUR PARENTS PASSED AWAY AND YOU LOST HALF OF YOUR BODY NORMALLY, YOU WOULD'VE DIED, BUT
A PERSON GAVE YOU SOME SORT OF TRANSPLANT
AND SURPRISINGLY, YOUR BODY WAS SAVED LIKE WHEN A TREE GRAFTS TO ANOTHER TREE YOU WERE ABLE TO LIVE ON.
YOUR LIFE WAS SAVED, BUT YOU WERE UNABLE TO BE THE PERSON YOU WERE BORN AS ANYMORE


YOUR HALF IS MADE UP OF SOMETHING THAT'S NOT ORIGINALLY YOURS.
AND YOUR LIFE IS DEPENDANT ON THAT "SOMETHING" THAT'S NOT YOURS.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THIS "SOMETHING" WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIMILATE OR BECOME ONE WITH YOUR TRUE SELF
YOU ARE ONLY THAT "SOMETHING"
AND IT IS EATING YOUR LIFE WHILE KEEPING YOU ALIVE AT THE SAME TIME
THERE HAS BEEN A BATTLE WITHIN YOU FOR A LONG TIME AGAINST THAT "SOMETHING."
ONE COULD SAY THAT IT IS A MIRACLE YOU COULD STAY ALIVE FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS.


I'M SORRY, BUT WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE, YOU
YOUR BATTLE AGAINST THAT "SOME-THING" WILL END SOON.
MIRACLES DON'T LAST FOREVER.
THE ONLY THING THEY FOUND OUT WAS HOW YOU'D END UP
IT BECAME IMPO-SSIBLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT
NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY TRIED TO MERGE THAT "SOMETHING" WITH GENETIC ENGINEERING
IN THE NEAR FUTURE, YOU...




WERE YOU TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE?
I WAS ONLY TRYING TO CUT MY ENEMY
THAT'S ALL...
WHY IS IT THAT I HAVE TO FEEL AFRAID EVERY SINGLE DAY
IT'S LIKE I'VE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH!
WHY DO I HAVE TO SUFFER LIKE THIS!?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS!!
THERE'S NO EXACT REGION IN YOUR BODY THAT IT'S TAKEN OVER IT'S JUST THAT THE LEVEL
WE HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED IT TO YOU MANY TIMES.
YOU'RE FORCING IT TOO MUCH!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE


SOMEDAY, SOONER OR LATER, WE ALL DIE!
IN REALITY, IT'S THE SAME FOR EVERYBODY!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S DIFF-ERENT!!
HEH
SOMEBODY HELP ME!!
HELP ME - !!
CALM DOWN !!


MAYBE SHE'S RICH
THAT'S WHY...
SOMEDAY YOU WILL BE THANKFUL YOU DIDN'T DIE TODAY!!
PLEASE -!! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE SO YOU STILL HAVE TIME!
DOESN'T THAT MAKE US EQUAL !?


BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT IS
AH
IT'S HERE


HUH?
LONG HAIRED AND DARK MESSENGER
IT'S THE MESSENGER
THAT'S DANGEROUS
THAT'S ODD IT'S COMING CLOSER
TODAY'S THE END OF ALL...
I SEE





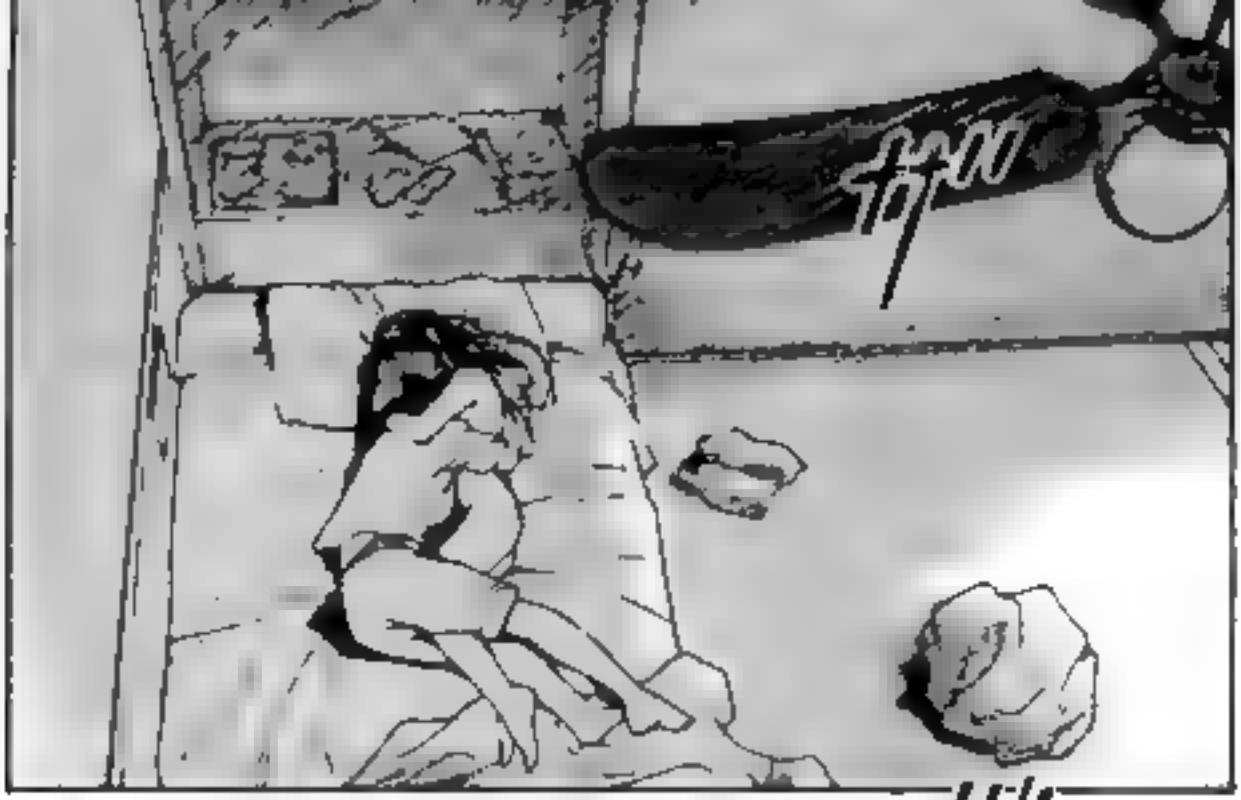

AH
IKU-
I CAN WALK NOW
I'M AI.


AI
AI 2
YEP THAT'S THE NAME IKURU GAVE ME
IT ALWAYS HAPPENS. WHENEVER I FALL ASLEEP THE MESSENGER COMES.
I'LL BE FINE SOON.
ARE YOU SCARED?
YE-AH
IS IT SCA-RY?
AH

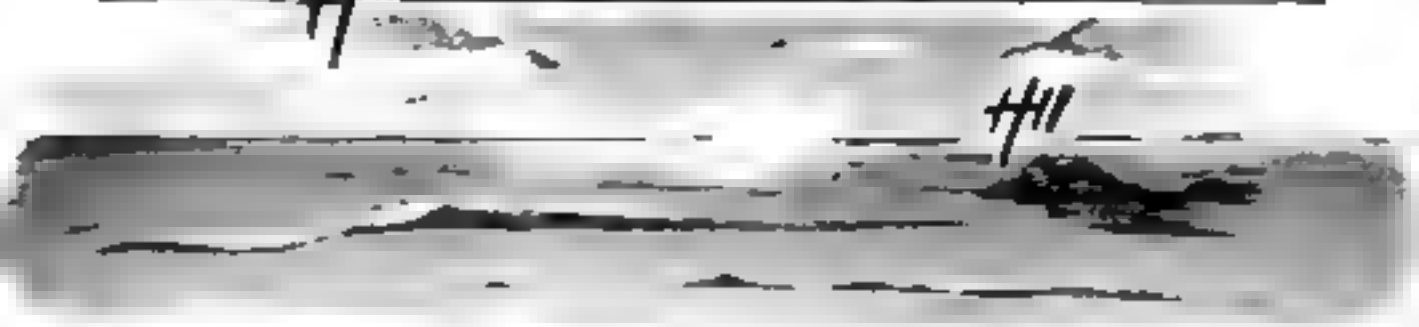

OK
THEN - !!
!!


IT'S OK
YOU WON'T BE SCARED NOW
FROM NOW ON, AI WILL BE HERE FOR YOU
WH-AT!?
WAH !!
EH?!
AI WILL PROTECT IKURU
I HEARD THE ONE THING NOBODY'S EVER SAID TO ME.
I WANT
GOOD NIGHT, IKURU
I SAID, LET ME GO!
IN AI'S WARM BOSOM
UUUNG
WAIT
LET ME GO


YOU
TO
STAY
ALIVE.

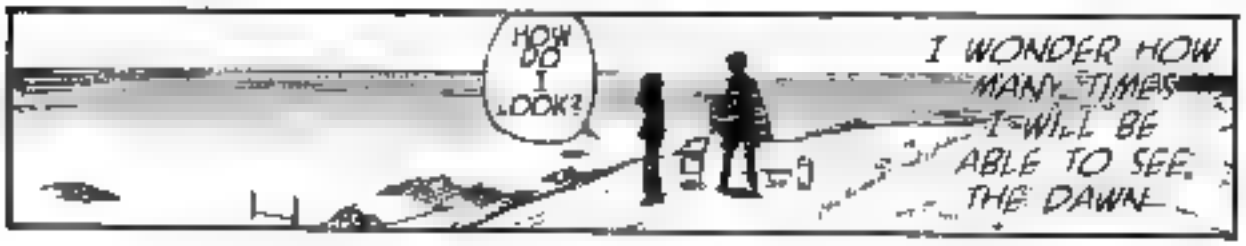



ANY DREAMS THAT NIGHT
I DIDN'T HAVE




ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY?
YEP!!
ISN'T IT KINDA SHORT?
A LITTLE MORE?
IT'S OK


THEY SAY THAT HUMANITY ONLY HAS 200 MORE YEARS LEFT UNTIL THE END OF IT

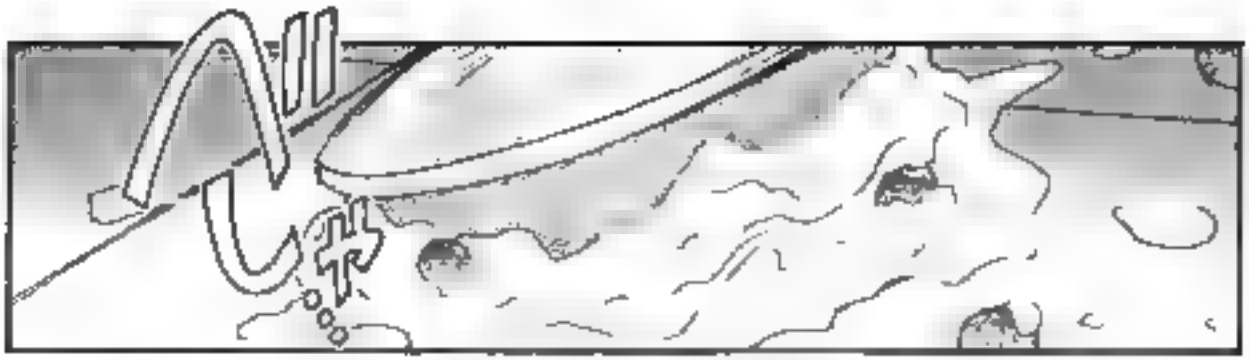

HOW DO I LOOK?
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES I WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE DAWN


THANK YOU!
WOW VERY CUTE!
STILL THIS MORNING
THE WORLD SEEMED BEAUTIFUL!!
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愛人 (AI-JIN)

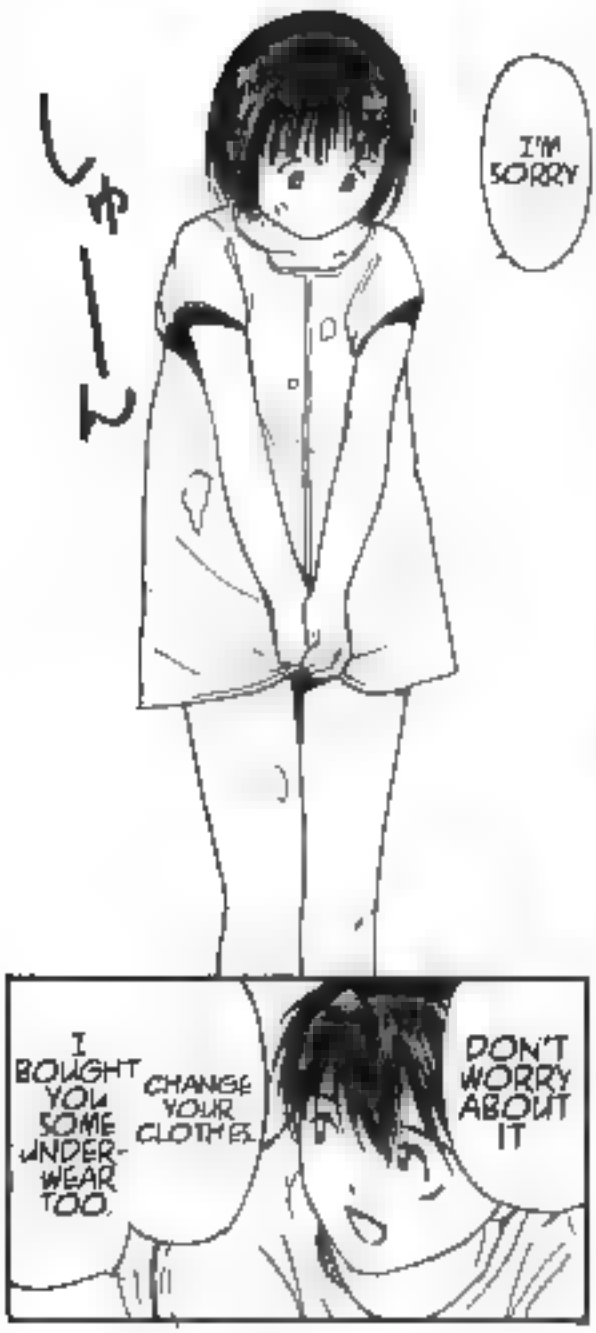


#1.5 NICE TO MEET YOU



I STARTED FEELING THAT SOMETHING DIDN'T SEEM RIGHT IN THE AFTERNOON.






IKU-RU!
HOW AM I SUPP-OSED TO WEAR THIS?
!!
WAAA!♡
AH, WAIT -!!
IT'S A LITTLE ODD...
AH, IKURU!


IT'S AMAZING, RIGHT?
THAT'S IKURU!
THERE MUST BE SOME PROBLEM.
SHE'S JUST LIKE A CHILD!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE
I DON'T THINK SOMEONE LIKE HER WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF A PATIENT.
IS THIS HOW "AI-REN'S" REALLY ARE?
NOT REALLY SHE WAS JUST BORN YESTERDAY
SHE PROBABLY NEEDS A LITTLE MORE TIME TO ADJUST HERSELF TO THIS WORLD, BUT


HOW IS SHE NOW? IS SHE DELICATE AND PURE JUST LIKE HER FACE...
SHE'S DRAWING ON THE WALL
NORMALLY, SHE SHOULD'VE REACHED AN APPROPRIATE MENTAL AGE AFTER 30 HOURS OF ACTIVATION.
HA
YOU'RE MAD NOW
STOP IT!!
IN REALITY, TIME CAUSES A VARIATION IN THE MEMORY HER PERSONALITY WAS STORED AT
BESIDES, HUMANS KEEP GROWING, RIGHT?
?
WH-AT!?
MAYBE HER CHEMICAL IMPRINTING IS NOT VERY STABLE RIGHT NOW IT VARIES DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL
HEY...
AFTER A WHILE, EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT FINE

DON'T TELL ME I'M GETTING INVOLVED WITH SOMETHING THAT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE...


"SFX GURGLE"
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
CAN YOU WAIT A LITTLE MORE? I'LL MAKE YOU SOMETHING WHEN I'M DONE WITH THIS.
OWW-WW!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
LIAR
YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO COOK FOR ME
AH. SHE REMEMBERS WHAT I SAID THAT TIME

愛人(AI-REN)①


I'M A LITTLE UPSET AND WORRIED
WHAT TYPE OF PERSON IS SHE?
I WONDER...
"AI-REN"... AI...
BUT HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HANDLE A CHILD LIKE HER
OF COURSE I WON'T BE ALONE ANYMORE
"SFX. STARE"
じー
"SFX. HIDE"
I'M SORRY
ABOUT HURTING YOU
IKUMA
WHAT IS IT?

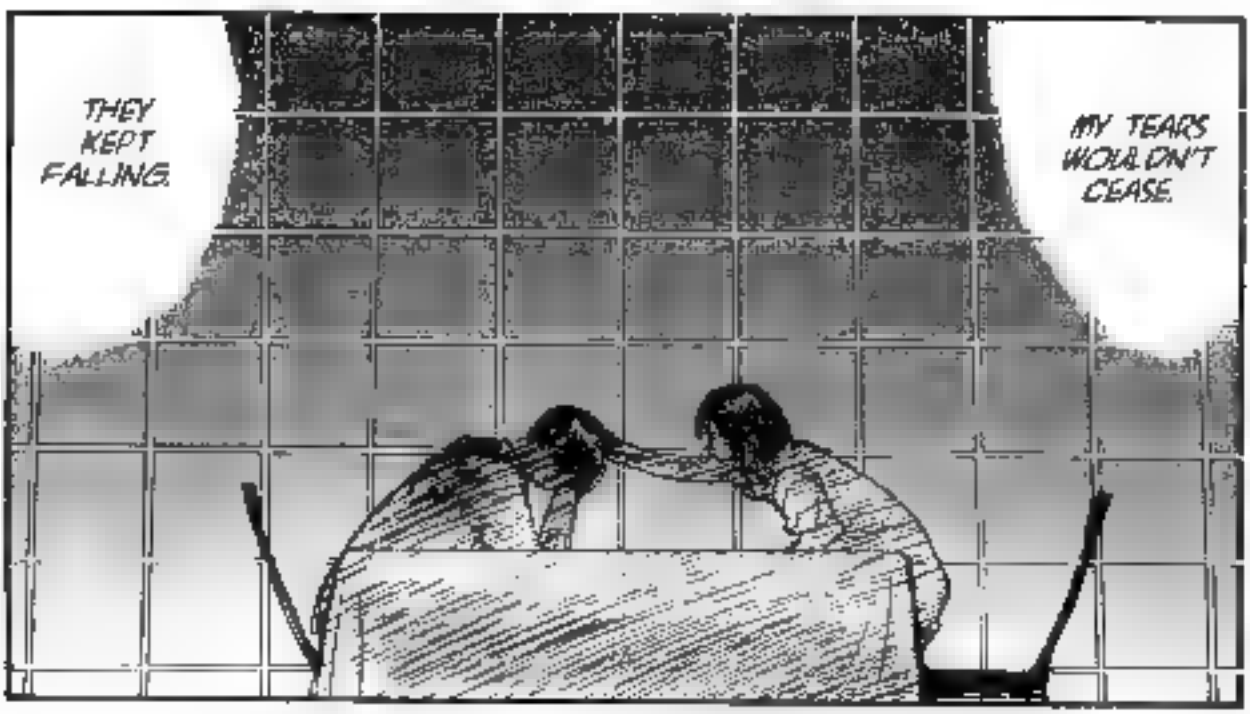

* <LEAVE IT TO ME>
*まかせて
I'LL MAKE SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOU
SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME
YOU'RE HUNGRY, RIGHT?
SORRY FOR TAKING SO LONG.
PUD-DING?
YEP IT'S SOMETHING SWEET AND TASTY
FOR DESERT YOU'LL HAVE PUDDING
うおぉ
wa!
there
AMAZ-ING!
YOU CAN EAT NOW!


IT'S REALLY GOOD ♡
WA AA~
ITADAKIMASU!
YEAH
THAT ONE'S HOT, SO BE CAREFUL
OK!
"FU FU"
THAT ONE'S GOOD RIGHT?
WOW ~~~
THAT'S A RELIEF
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE REALLY HUNGRY
HAHA HA
HUH?
IKURU?



WHY?

TEARS?



AI, THANK YOU FOR COMING TO MY HOME.

[END OF CHAPTER 15]


空人
2 ごはんが、できたよ


DONE.
ENOUGH WASTING MY TIME SLEEPING!
AFTER A. CAME TO MY HOUSE I STARTED GETTING UP EARLY EVERY MORNING
YOU HAVE TO GET UP
A!
A! AI-BENS ARE THE COMFORT FOR PEOPLE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH.
PERSONALITY SET WITH CHEMICALS. GENETICALLY ENGINEERED BEINGS..
..I KNOW IT IS VERY INHUMAN TO CALL THEM THIS WAY BUT..

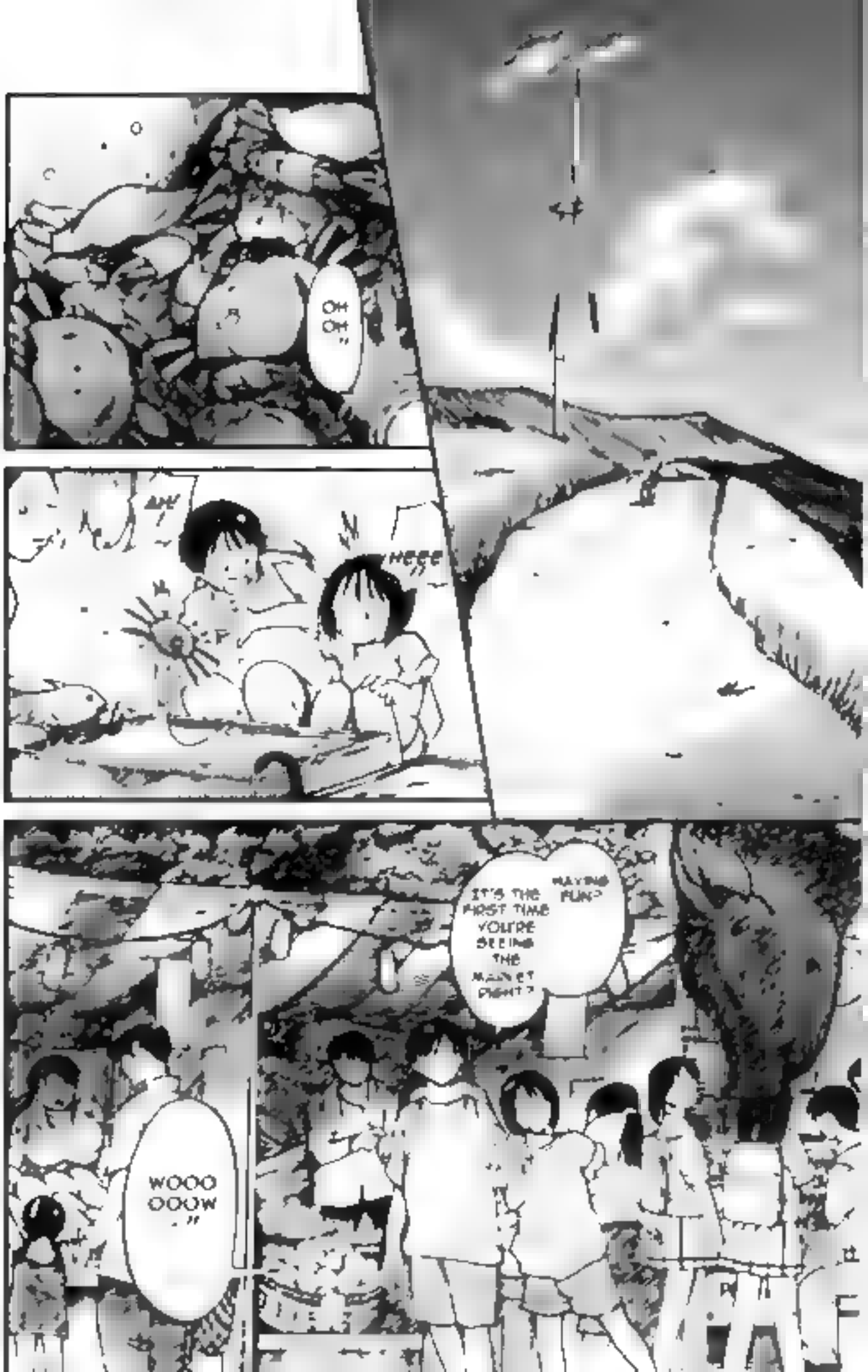

AH IKURU-
AI S ♡
YEP
DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
THE WEATHER 'S NICE TODAY TOO
YEAH
YOU'RE SUCH A SLEEPY HEAD.


EN-
JOY
HUHUHU. I PREPARED THIS MEAL SINCE LAST NIGHT
IT'S SO GOOD~!
THAT'S RIGHT
I THINK SO TOO
IKURU'S AMAZ ING!
I HAVEN'T SEEN IKURU EATING ANYTHING YET
BUT HOW COME IKURU DOESN'T EAT WITH ME?


I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING UNLESS I FEEL EXTREMELY WELL
I EVEN LOST MY PALATE
IT'S THE SIDE EFFECT OF THE MEDICINES I TOOK WHEN I WAS YOUNGER
AH IT'S BECAUSE I CAN ONLY EAT IN CERTAIN DAYS
BUT THE FOOD IKURU MAKES IS ALWAYS GOOD
I RECEIVED SPECIAL TRAINING
BECAUSE I WAS FRUS-TRATED ..


URP!
U... UGH...
<DOKUN DOKUN>
<RUB RUB>
<GULP>
<UUGH>


THIS... IS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD...
<HE>
LET'S COOK A LOT OF GOOD FOOD TODAY!!
AI!!
LET'S HAVE A WELCOME PARTY FOR AI THEN!
BANZAI!!! BANZAI!!!
WA-IT!!!
I CAN EAT TO-DAY
IT'S A PARTY ~!!
OK!


OH OH."
AW
HEEE
IT'S THE FIRST TIME YOU'RE SEEING THE MARKET PUSH?
WOOO OOOW."


THERE'S A BUNCH OF LIVING THINGS-
YOU HAVE TO WEAR PRETTY CLOTHES TOO, YOU KNOW
THAT'S RIGHT! LET'S BUY YOU SOME CLOTHING TOO!
<OOK DOKI>
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THIS...?
AH!
PRETTY CLOTHES...?
CHOOSE SOMETHING YOU LIKE


I WANT TO BUY THIS ONE OK?
AH OK
IKURU, I LIKE THIS ONE!!
WHAT'S THAT?
AH! NO!
IT'S NOTH-ING..
IKURU, WEAR SOME-THING COOL TOO
EH?
GUESS THAT'S HER STYLE
WAA- IKURU, THANK YOU!

うかれる♥
AIN'T IT KINDA FLASHY?
IT'S COOL! IT'S COOL!





*ITADAKIMASU




!!


NO
!!


AH
DAMN IT


EH?
"CHEW"


I CAN'T EAT
I M SORRY


KEEP EATING
I'LL GO TAKE A BATH.


I COOKED TOO MUCH. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU DON'T NEED TO EAT IT ALL.


I M REALLY SORRY
I THOUGHT I COULD EAT A WHILE AGO




WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS..
<SPLASH>


DAMN IT!!


I THOUGHT TODAY WOULD BE OK AT LEAST

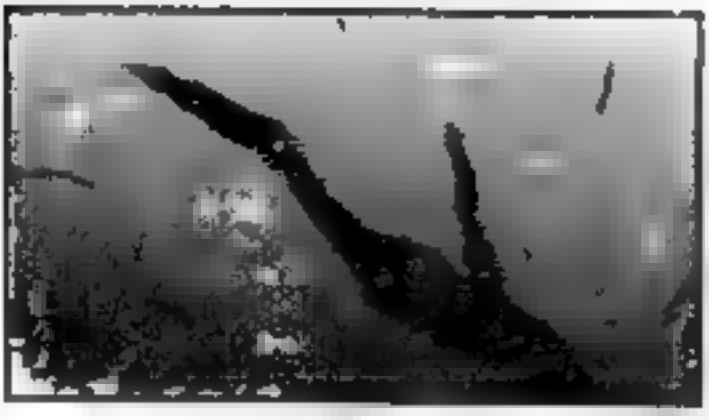

TO SAVE ME ANYWAY?
WHO THE HELL HAD THE RIGHT..
THIS LIFE..
O.
<SPLASH>
IF IT WOULD ONLY END SOON...
PLI!


IKUPU!
AAAAAI....!!
<SPLASH>
IKUPU, IKUPU!
I TOLD YOU THAT WE SHOULD TAKE BATHS SEPA-RATELY.
HA!
SINCE IKUPU FEEDS ME A LOT OF GOOD FOOD
WHAT IS IT
TODAY Ai...


WILL FEED YOU.
HERE


HOLD
UGH
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO!?
WH... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
HOLD
HERE!
DON'T WORRY
A.'S NOT EMBARRASSED
HERE
BECAUSE IKURU IS SWEET

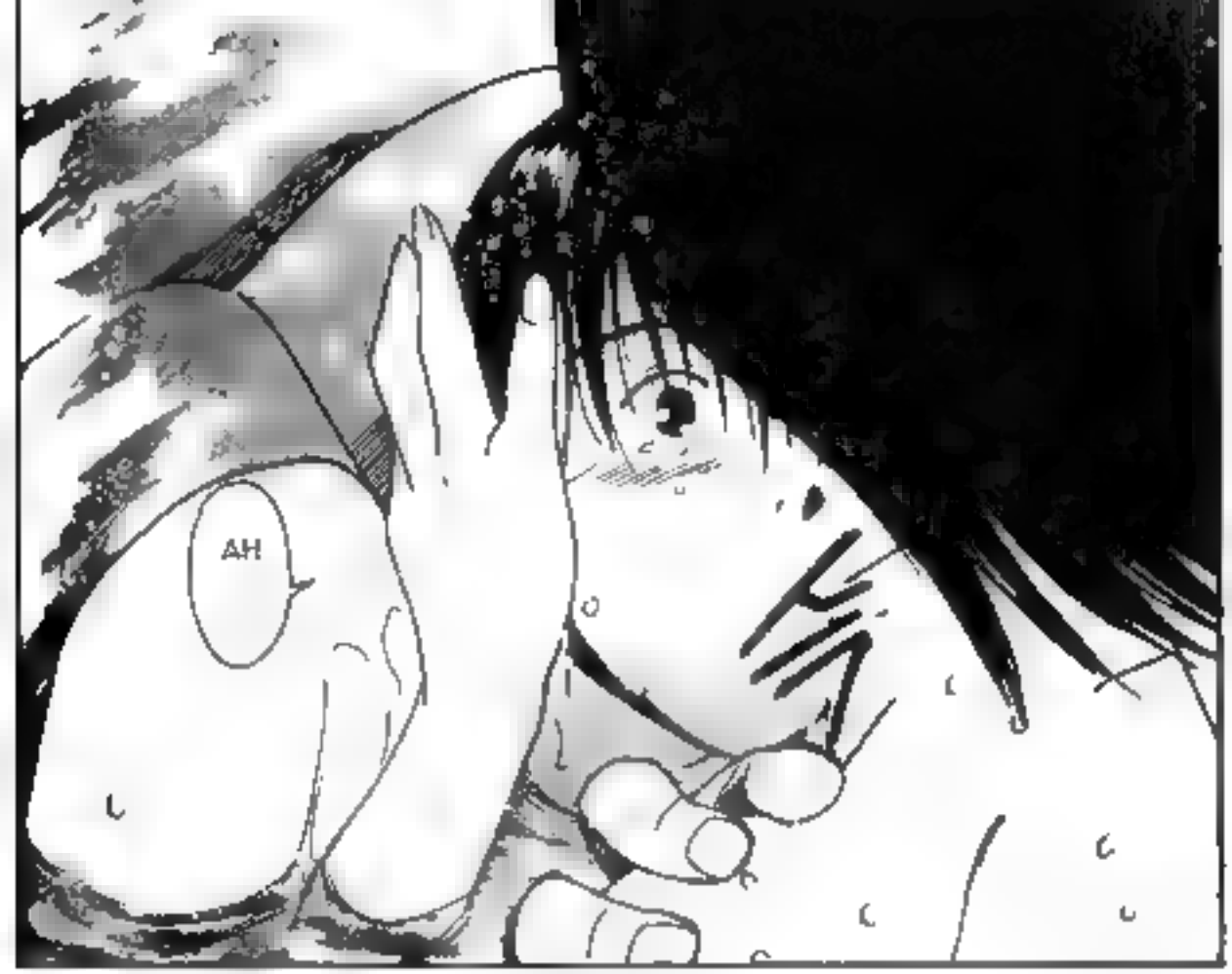

IT WAS VERY SOFT AND WARM..
EVEN THOUGH AI'S BREAST WAS SMALL...
I REALIZED SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN VERY OBVIOUS
SUDDENLY


EVERYTHING WE EAT
...
HAS A LIFE.


THEY DO NOT SURVIVE
IF HUMAN BEINGS DO NOT NOURISH FROM LIVING THINGS


THE FIRST THING A HUMAN BEING EATS
...

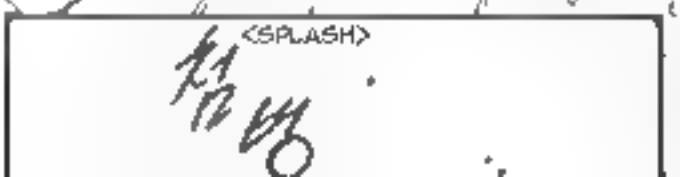



AH


THIS IS
THIS IS GOOD


WAS IT GOOD?


THE TASTE OF A HUMAN BEING..!!


<SPLASH>


IT WAS TICKLISH
AAH..
HAHA SORRY
YOU'RE BAD
HA HA HA
I'M.. HUNGRY NOW!





THERE WAS A CHANCE THAT I COULD LIVE THE LIFE I WAS DEPRIVED OF



[#2 끝]

愛人 [AI REN]

#3 AGH-RMS AI

AI!

STOP PLAYING AROUND AND HELP OUT TOO.

KYA!

IKURU!

HM?

COM NG SOMEBODY'S

SENSEI—

THAT'S RIGHT! TODAY'S THE DAY SHE WAS COMING.

SENSEI—!

NAGI SENSEI!

YOU SHOULD'VE COME FROM THIS SIDE. IT'S DANGEROUS FROM THERE BECAUSE IT COLLAPSED

HELLO, IKURU-KUN.

BUT THE ENTRANCE IS THIS WAY.

COMING TO YOUR HOUSE IS TIRING. AT LEAST THAT HASN'T CHANGED.

THERE'S REALLY NO STOPPING YOU, SENSEI, IS THERE?

POP

HOLD ON. I'LL GO DOWN THERE.

THE END

IS THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS WORLD WHO'S KIND WITH ME.

OH, IKURU -KUN!

NAGI SENSEI

NOT REALLY. AND IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST SAW EACH OTHER.

...SENSEI—

I LEARN -ED MANY THINGS FROM HER.

LOOKS LIKE YOU GREW A BIT TALLER.

IS ONE OF THE THINGS I LEARNED FROM NAGI SENSEI.

I'M GLAD YOU SEEM HEALTHY.

I ALSO LEARNED THE DIFFERENT FEELINGS PEOPLE HAVE FROM HER, TO REALIZE THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD WHO WEEP FOR ME.

THE PEOPLE FROM THE HOSPITAL ARE GETTING UPSET.

THEY WANT YOU TO GO GET A CHECK-UP SOON.

HERE YOUR MEDICINE FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS.

OF COURSE. I'M BUSY LATELY WITH THE CLINIC'S WORK.

SENSE ALSO LOOKS HEALTHY

AH, I KNOW . .

TAKE AWAY THIS KIND OF LIFE FROM YOU?

YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING TH S. WHAT IF THEY

SHE'S AN AGH -RMS, RIGHT?

THAT G RL ...

YES?..

FORGIVE ME

.....

.....

HE TOLD ME THAT YOU WERE THE ONE WHO REQUEST -ED THE ACQUISITION OF HOPE.

I HEARD ABOUT T FROM MIYAZAKI-SAN OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

I WANTED [illegible] INDEPENDANTLY AT THE VERY END

IT IS GOING TO BE THE [illegible] HAVING LIVED [illegible]

I REJECTED SENSE'S INVITATION TO THE CLINIC.

YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO ME.

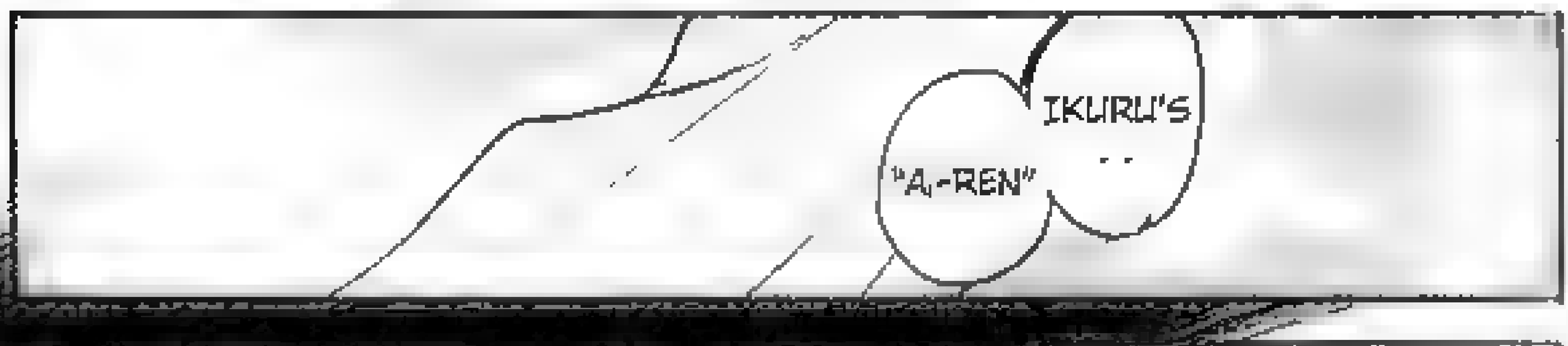
WHEN I LEFT THE INSTITUTION WHER I GREW UP

愛人(AI-REN)①


I ENDED UP CHOOSING THIS PATH.


EVEN THOUGH I KNEW I'D HURT SENSEI...


I CHOSE TO LIVE BY MYSELF.


IKURU'S "A.-REN" ..


THAT GIR... I WONDER WHAT THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE FOR CREATING HER KIND WAS.


DOES SHE HAVE HAVE A NAME?
IT'S A.
AI ..

MAYBE THEY WERE ORIGINALLY SUICIDE BOMBERS CREATED BY TERRORISTS OR THEY WERE PART OF OUTLAW GANGS.

PERHAPS THEY WERE CREATED FOR PROSITUTION.

EITHER WAY, THEY PROBABLY COULDN'T LIVE FOR VERY LONG.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHY PEOPLE DECIDED TO CREATE NEW PERSONALITIES AND FUNCTIONS FOR THEM SUCH AS BEING ABLE TO LOVE SOMEONE EASILY

SENSEI

AGH-RMS CARTIFICIAL GENES HUMAN REGENERATED FOR MENTAL SUPPORT). HUMANOIDS CREATED FOR PROMOTING MENTAL STABILITY

HOWEVER, THEY'RE ONLY FANTASIES.

THIS IS NOT RIGHT, IKURU -KUN

SNAP OUT OF IT.

THAT'S CHEATING ...

TRYING TO AMELIORATE YOUR LONELINESS WITH FANTASY ...

ソラミ

[KURU -KLIN

I'M THE ONE WHO TAKES CARE OF HER AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

IS THAT SO? I THINK IT'S VERY STRANGE, THOUGH.

I MAY HAVE SAID WHAT I DID A WHILE AGO, BUT ...

YOU LOOK A LOT MORE ENERGETIC THAN THE LAST TIME I CAME TO SEE YOU.

IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL EXACTLY WHAT SHE WAS CREATED FOR.

THE ONLY THINGS SHE DOES ARE SLEEPING UNTIL LATE AND EATING

IT'S A GOOD SIGN.

SHE ANSWERS BACK SMILING BRIGHTLY.

BUT WHENEVER I SMILE AND CALL HER NAME

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE FELT THIS WAY.

WHENEVER I THINK ABOUT A

I FEEL HAPPY, EMBARRASSED

AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH ALL THE WARMTH I FEEL INSIDE

IKURU -KUN!!

SENSEI— . . .

DO YOU EVEN REAL ZE WHAT YOU JLST SAID?

DO YOU EVEN KNOW . !

THAT SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN!!

IT'S WRONG!!

SENSEI!

WATCH OUT!

AH!

SENSEI
..

LISTEN CARE-FULLY.

JUST THINK OF HER AS A MERE DOLL.

DO NOT LET YOUR FEELINGS FOR HER DEVELOP ANY MORE.

BECAUSE THAT GIRL WILL SURELY
..

DIE BEFORE YOU DO.



IKURU
- II

"THAT GIRL'S LIFE SPAN IS PROBABLY ONLY TEN MONTHS."

IT'D HAVE BEEN NICE IF WE HAD DINNER TOGETHER.

A-RENS' WERE CREATED FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE TO DIE SOON SO THEY DON'T LIVE FOR LONG.

WHERE(S) THAT LADY?

SHE LEFT.

THAT'S A LIE.. WHY..

TODAY WE'RE HAVING OKONO MIYAK., RIGHT?

THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO EAT IT WHILE WE'RE EATING.

"IKURU-KUN. YOU'LL LEAVE THIS WORLD WITH A SADNESS SO DEEP THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT BACK."

"GIVE HER BACK TO THE LABORATORY."

IT'S TOO LATE NOW.



AH!!

EH?!

WHAT'S WRONG?

IKURU?!

IT HURTS!!

IT HURTS!!

PLEASE STAY ALIVE

I HAVEN'T REALIZED IT UNTIL NOW.

STAY ALIVE...

A.I. ..DON'T..DIE.

THAT PEOPLE OTHER THAN ME MAY ALSO DIE.



Ai
..

DON'T
DIE
..

IKuRU
..

I
GOT
IT.

I
PROMISE
.

AI
...

WILL
LIVE FOR
A LONG
TIME.

[#3 끝]

#4 Living With Ghosts



...
EACH LEVEL SHOWS TO BE BELOW AVERAGE.

THERE ARE CHANCES THAT THE WIND IN THE EARLY MORNING WILL BECOME STRONG.

EVEN THOUGH THERE WON'T BE MAJOR DAMAGES DUE TO THE RAIN

AI, CLOSE THE WINDOW NOW.

A LITTLE BIT MORE.

NOW WE'RE BACK TO THE SITUATION OF THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

第6話

YEP.

IS THE RAIN THAT INTER-ESTING?

THUD

THUD

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

WOOO

SOMEONE'S CRYING

WOOOOOO

YEAH ..

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

IKURU, IT FEELS LIKE SOMEONE IS INSIDE THE HOUSE.

YEAH ..

WOOOO

THEY . . ?

ESPECIALLY ON RAINY NIGHTS.

IN TH S HOUSE.

HLHHL . . THE TRUTH IS THAT THEY APPEAR

THE GHOSTS !!

THIS IS NOT GOOD

LET'S CHECK OUT REPORTER WHO'S ABROAD.

NOT YET...?

SQUEAK

IKURU, WHAT'S A GHOST?

TELL ME

SQUEAK

THIS IS REALLY OLD

HMM, THEY'RE THE SPIRITS OF DEAD PEOPLE WHO CANNOT ACHIEVE NIRVANA, SO THEY HAVE TO STAY HERE AND ROAM AROUND OUR WORLD.

SPIRITS? NIRVANA?!

WHAT I MEANT IS THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD ALREADY, BUT THEY CAN'T LEAVE.

HE - THAT'S AMAZ -ING.

WOOOOOO

THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE WHO LEFT HERE AFTER THEY GOT BETTER, BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY WHO ENDED UP DYING.

TH S PLACE WAS ORIGINALLY A HOSPITA..

SO THE SPIRTS OF THE PEOPLE ARE STIL. HERE, ROAMING AROUND

THUD

THUD

WOOOO

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS IF YOU GO ANY FURTHER.

WOOOO

IKURU

CLANK

CLANK

HUH?

IS TH S FROM OUTSIDE ...?

WHOOOOSH

ARE THERE GHOSTS ?

DON'T GO THERE.

AI, DON'T

AI !!

WHOOO

SH

WAIT !!

EH?

KYAA !

AI!!

ARE YOU OK?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO THERE

IT'S TOO DAN -GER -OUS.

Hmmm~

IKURU ~ ~

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

BUT NOBODY'S HERE ANYMORE

IT WAS ORIGINALLY A FAMILY HOSPITAL

TH S PLACE'S NAME IS THE "SAKURA HOUSE" IT'S THE NAME OF THE FOUNDER OF TH S HOSPITAL

THERE'S A LOCAL ATTRACTION IN THE INNERMOST PART OF THIS PLACE.

THAT'S RIGHT!

*NOTE: SAKURA = CHERRY BLOSSOM

CAN YOU SEE IT?

IT'S THAT TREE. A SAKURA* TREE.

THEY SAY THAT THE ONLY DAUGHTER OF THIS HOUSEHOLD WAITED FOR SOME ONE IN THAT PLACE

SHE PROMISED IT TO HER LOVER. "WAIT FOR ME UNDER THE FULL BLOSSOMED SAKURA TREE."

"LET'S GO TO THE BEACH SINCE IT IS SPRING," IS WHAT THEY PROMISED

"I PROMISE I'LL COME FOR YOU."

THE TRUTH WAS THAT HER LOVED ONE WAS NOT A PERSON FROM THIS WORLD ANYMORE.

BUT HER LOVED ONE DID NOT APPEAR.

LIGHTNING STRUCK,

SPLITTING BOTH THE GIRL AND THE TREE IN HALF WHO BOTH ALIKE WERE IN FLAMES.

"NO! I WON'T FALL! I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM THEN!"

BUT SHE KEPT WAITING ...

AND IT SOON STARTED TO POUR ...

WHO KNOWS? MAYBE.

SO HE CAME FOR HER?

THAT'S A REL EF ..

IT'S NOT HERE ...

AI

WAH!!

SFX: <WOOOO>

SFX: <SLAM!>

LOOKS LIKE HE'S THERE!

AH!

A

NO

I HAVEN'T ..

LET'S LOOK FOR ONE, THEN!!

I WANT TO MEET THE GHOST!

HAS IKURU SEEN ONE?

MR. GHOST -

HOWEVER, CHINA AND AFRICA SHOWED GREAT OPPOSITION IN THE MEETING, THREATENING TO SHAKE UP INTERNATIONAL TRADE ..

THE UN HAS DECIDED TO DISPATCH AN EU TROOP OF AROUND 30 THOUSAND WORLD-WIDE VOLUNTEERS ...

... THE CASUALTIES IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE ARE INCREASING IN NUMBERS ..

KIRITSA OF "HITO" HAS RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL WHILE HE WAS IN FUEGO ISLAND AND ...

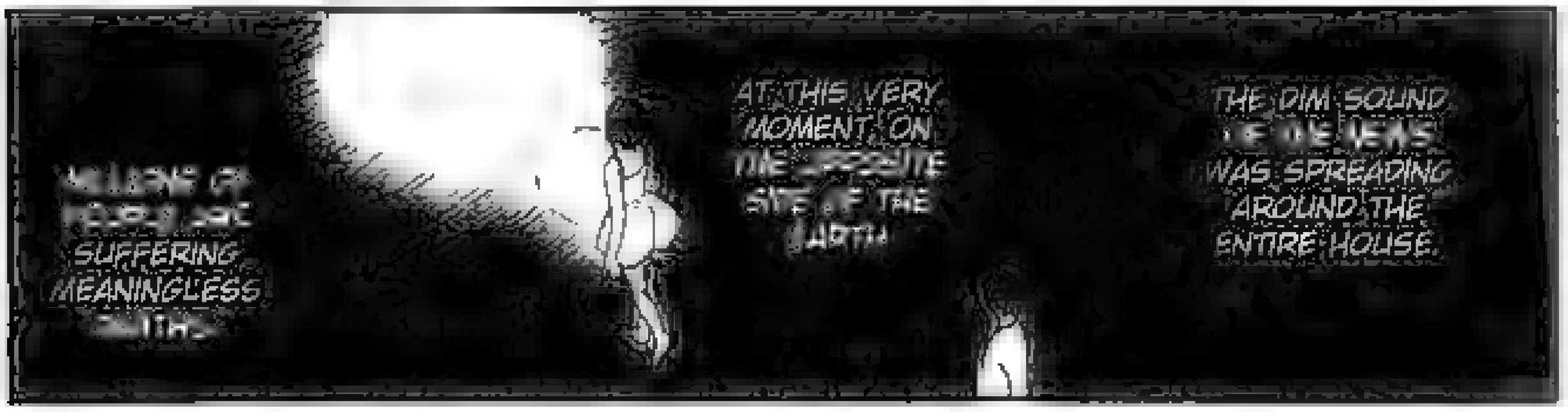
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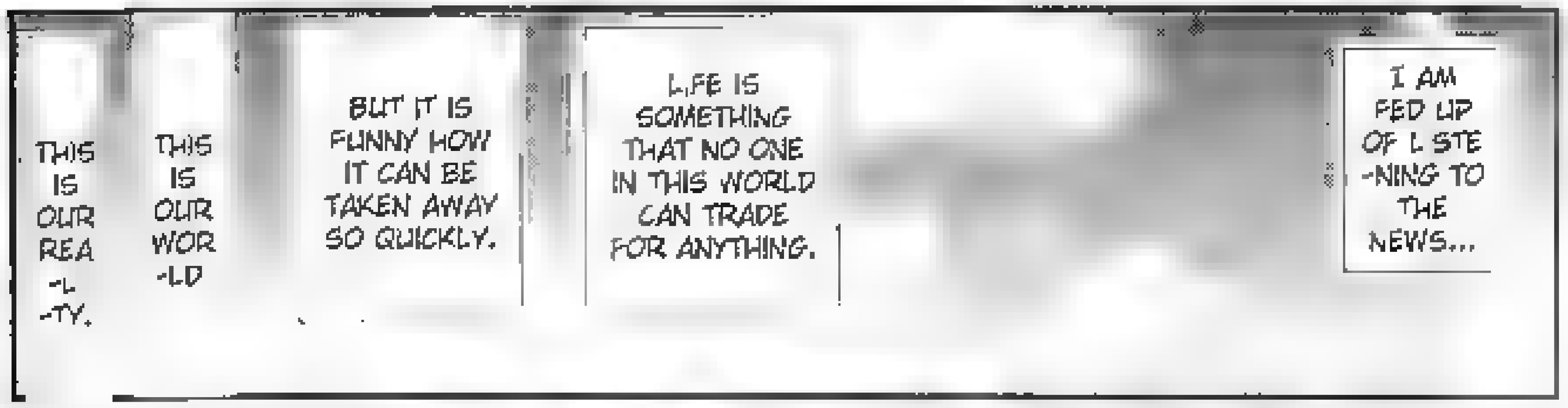
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STRONGLY DECLARED THAT, "THIS IS THE TIME TO HELP THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES. HUMANITY DOES NOT NEED ANY HOSTILITY AT THIS POINT..."

愛人 (AI-REN) 1

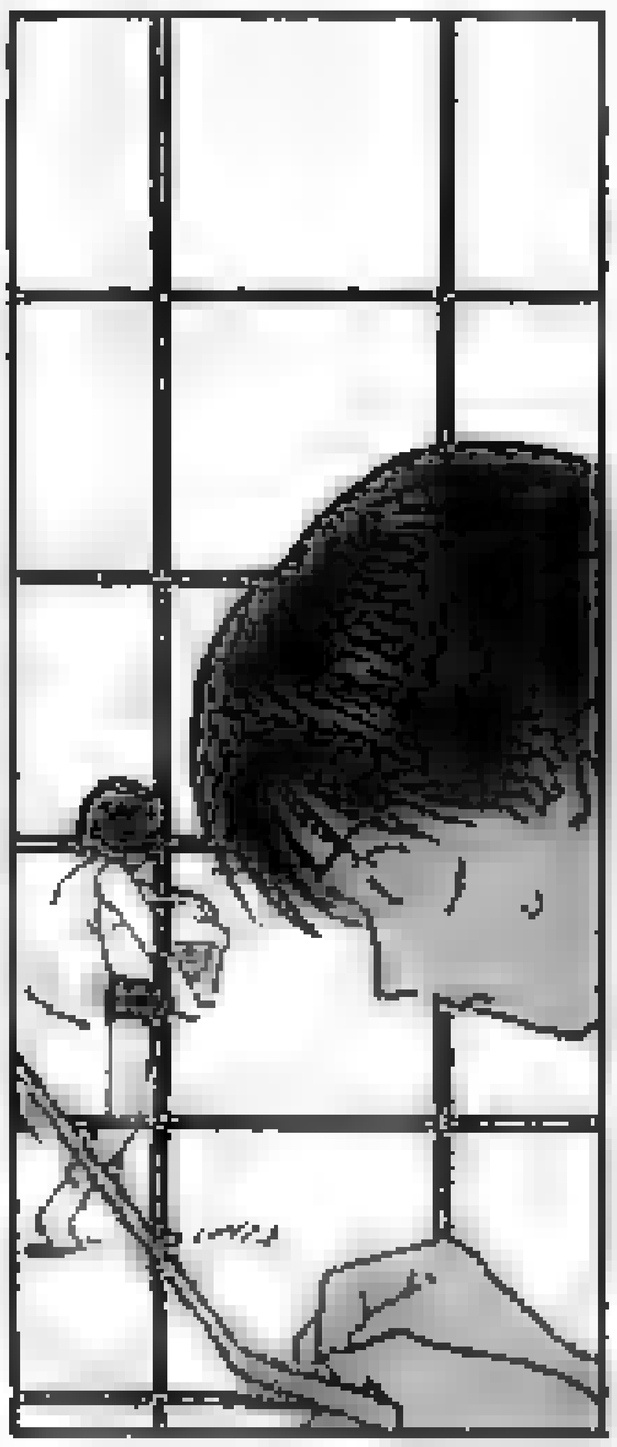

SUFFERING
MEANINGLESS
AT THIS VERY MOMENT, ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE EARTH
THE DIM SOUND OF NEWS WAS SPREADING AROUND THE ENTIRE HOUSE.


THIS IS OUR REA -L -TY.
THIS IS OUR WOR -LD
BUT IT IS FUNNY HOW IT CAN BE TAKEN AWAY SO QUICKLY.
LIFE IS SOMETHING THAT NO ONE IN THIS WORLD CAN TRADE FOR ANYTHING.
I AM FED UP OF L STE -NING TO THE NEWS...
I WILL BE DISAPPEARING SOON AS WELL.
SOON, I TOO WILL HAVE TO FACE THAT REALITY.

AND AI TOO ...



... IS PROB -ABLY EVEN LESS THAN TEN MON -THS."

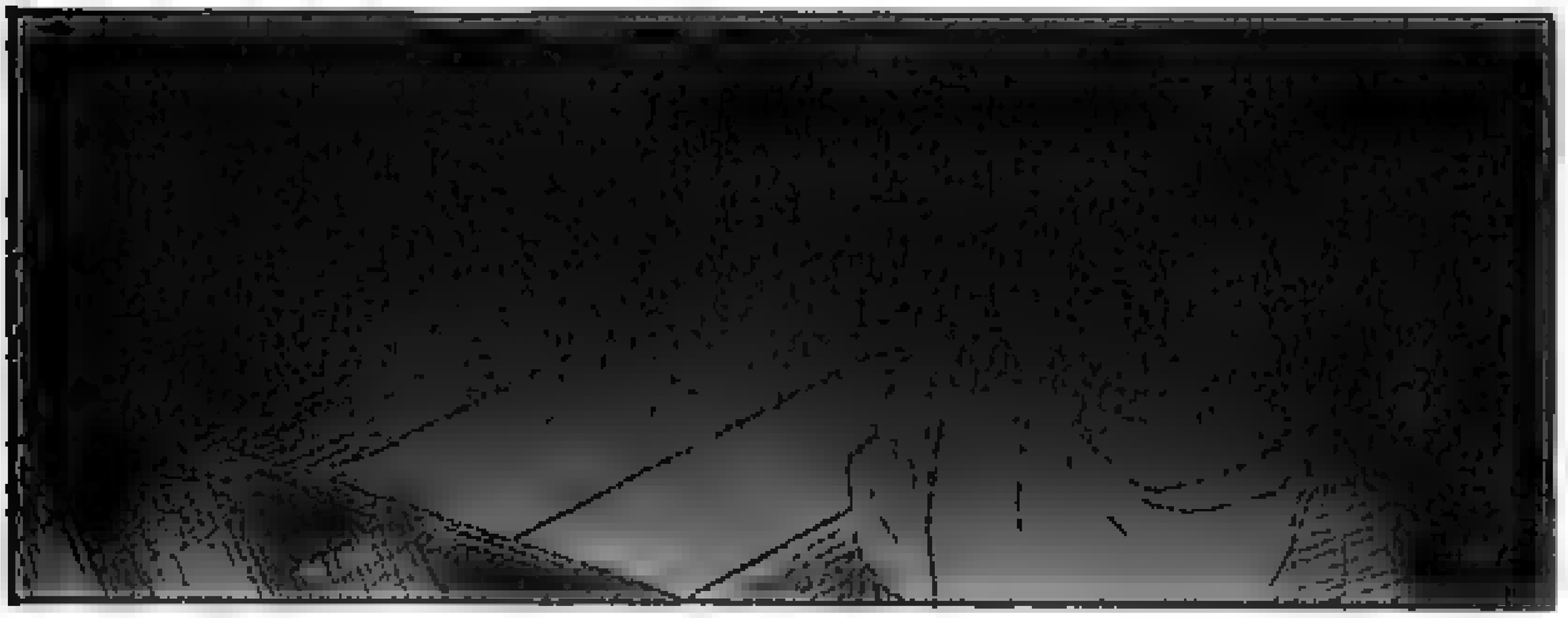


"THE TIME LEFT IN HER LIFE ...





WILL END UP DISAPPEARING...



SQUEEK

SQUEEK

THE SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS ARE COMING FROM THE OLD WOOD USED TO BUILD THIS BUILDING AND

THE CRYING SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM THE WIND HITTING THE TREES AND THIS BUILDING

AI, I'M SORRY

EVERYTHING I SAID WAS ALL MADE UP.

IT'S NOT HERE.

YEAH

I'll be back

ONCE YOU DIE, THAT'S IT. THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU.

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT BACK, EITHER.

IT'S NOT.

IT'S NOT A GHOST?

AH, SOME -THING'S SHINING.

IT'S NOTHING TO THEM.

THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S SO MUCH AGONY IN THIS WORLD

HUMAN BEINGS WALK ALONG THE PATH OF LIFE WITH A MESSENGER AS SOON AS THEY ARE BORN.

AH.. IT'S HORRIBLE. THERE'S A DEAD PERSON HERE

THIS PLACE IS HELL !!

I THINK THERE USED TO BE SOME LAND AROUND THAT AREA TOO

THERE'S ONLY A FALLEN OLD LIGHTHOUSE OVER THERE.

IT'S ONLY THE LIGHTNING GETTING REFLECTED BY ITS LENSES.

愛人(AI-REN)①

THE LIFE FORMS THAT EVOLVED FROM APES BECAME HUMAN WHEN THEY MET THIS "MESSENGER."

SOME PEOPLE SAY THAT PEOPLE'S IMAGINATIONS YEARN FOR KNOWLEDGE ON THE AFTERLIFE.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME A "SPIRIT" WAS GIVEN TO A LIFE FORM ACCIDENTALLY PRODUCED BY MATTER.

PEOPLE TEND TO THINK ABOUT THEIR DEATHS AFTER SEEING ANOTHER PERSON'S DEATH.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO, DEATH IS INEVITABLE.

FEAR
AND
SADNESS
...
REPENTANCE
.

LOVE
..

MINE AND AI'S

THOSE ARE OUR REALITIES

IN REALITY, WHEN ONE DIES, ONE DISAPPEARS ...

THEY ALL COME FROM OUR IMAGINATIONS

THESE ARE THE TRUE FORMS OF A GHOST.

IKURU

IT'S OK

YEAH . MOST LIKELY ...

THEN IKURU WILL DISAPPEAR TOO?

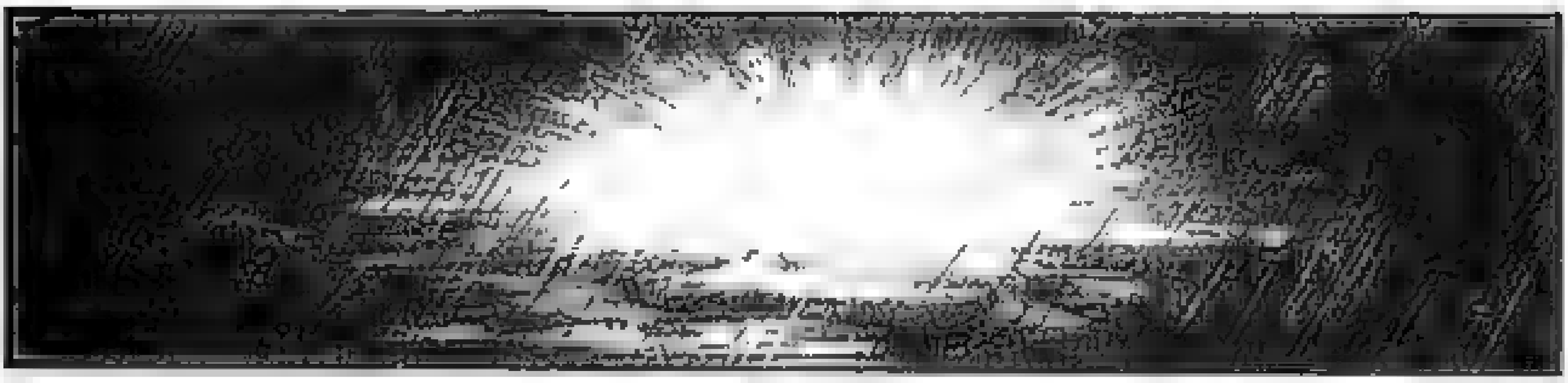
IKURU'S NOT GOING TO DISAPPEAR.

SO DON'T WORRY !!

SFX: <HUG>

YOU HAVE AI. AI WILL THINK ABOUT YOU.

SO IKURU WILL SURELY BECOME A GHOST.




AI
. .


THEN AI
WON'T DISAPPEAR
FROM THIS
WORLD ETHER


EVEN
IF I WILL
BECOME A
GHOST
BEFORE
YOU DO
...
I
WILL
...
BECAUSE
I WILL
THINK
ABOUT
YOU.

I WILL NOT ALLOW AI TO DISAPPEAR.

W..L BECOME GHOSTS, RIGHT?

THEN AI AND IKURU TOO

WAHA HAHA HAHA !!

KYAAAA - !!

HAHAHA, I'M A GHOST !!

AH !

KYA -

KYA -

WAIT

KYAA - !!

SFX: <WOOOOOOOOO>

NIGHT

GOOD NIGHT, A.

AS SOON AS WE GET NEW UPDATES

HEY, IKURU

RIGHT NOW . . . THIS IS NOT THE SOUND OF A GHOST CRYING, S IT?

SFX: <WOOOO>

YEAH ...

THAT'S RIGHT

I KE MUSIC.

HE'S LALGH -ING.

HE'S LALGH -ING, RIGAT?

NIGAT

AI

PROMISE ME WE'LL BOTH BECOME GHOSTS



#5 A PICNIC OF 1 MILLION YEARS

HA!!

HA!!

PUHA!

Ai

WITH THIS, I'LL BE ABLE TO CONTROL MY BREATH NOW.

YEAH.

YOU GOTTA EAT

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH NOW?

YEAH. I LEARNED IT WHILE GETTING YELLED AT BY NAGI-SENSEI.

DOES IKURU KNOW HOW TO SWIM?

YEP.

AND I ALWAYS HAVE FUN ~

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S ALWAYS AI'S FIRST TIME

IT'S THE FIRST TIME AI'S SWIMMING, RIGHT?

IT'S GONNA BE YOUR FIRST TIME SWIM -MING OUTDOORS SINCE YOU WERE BORN, EH?

LA LA LA ♫

WE'RE NOT GOING THERE YET.

THE BEACH THE BEACH

FUU

FUU

STILL SOME MORE TIME BEFORE GOING THERE.

OIL

CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.

IKURU, GOOD NIGHT.

OK.
SLEEP
TIGHT
NOW

IKURU,
LET'S PLAY
A LOT
TOMORROW.

U,
UGA
...



THE MESSENGER

I CAN CLEARLY SEE THE MESSE-NGER'S SILHOU-ETTE

EVER SINCE TWO DAYS AGO, EVEN WITH MY EYES OPENED, SOMETIMES

DAMN IT.

I'M ABLE TO SEE A [illegible] BECAUSE SHE ENTERED MY [illegible] VISUAL FIELD

IT'S JUST LIKE HOW I [illegible] ME AT THE [illegible]

THAT "OTHER THING" . . . ?

HEY, MESSE-ENGER . . . AREN'T YOU...

I CAN EVEN SMELL YOU!

NO!!

THE "OTHER THING" . . .

DID YOU COME TO PUT AN END TO THIS?

BECAUSE TOMORROW I'LL GO TO THE BEACH WITH Ai -

NOT YET

I CAN'T DIE YET

ガタ
ゴト

WAAAH!

AI, YOU GOTTA WARM UP FIRST!

YAH !!

THE END

SFX: <SPLASH>

...Ahhh...

HUAAH!

AI !!

IT'S COLD ~

AI, COME THIS WAY ...

PUHA

PUHA

THIS WAY.

SFX: <SPLASH>

GOT T !!

SFX: <THUMP THUMP>

SPLASH

SFX: <SPLASH SPLASH>

Hop Off

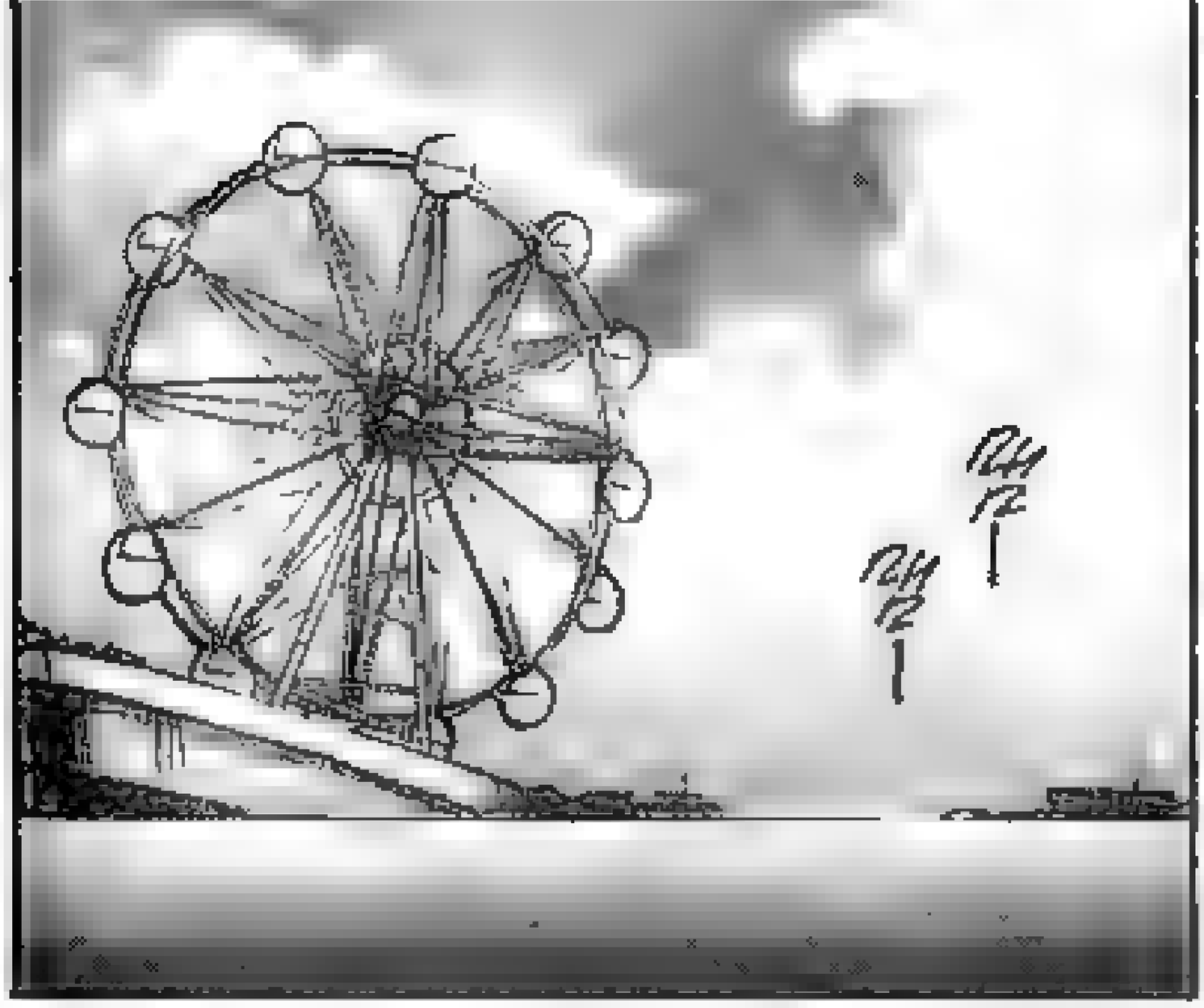
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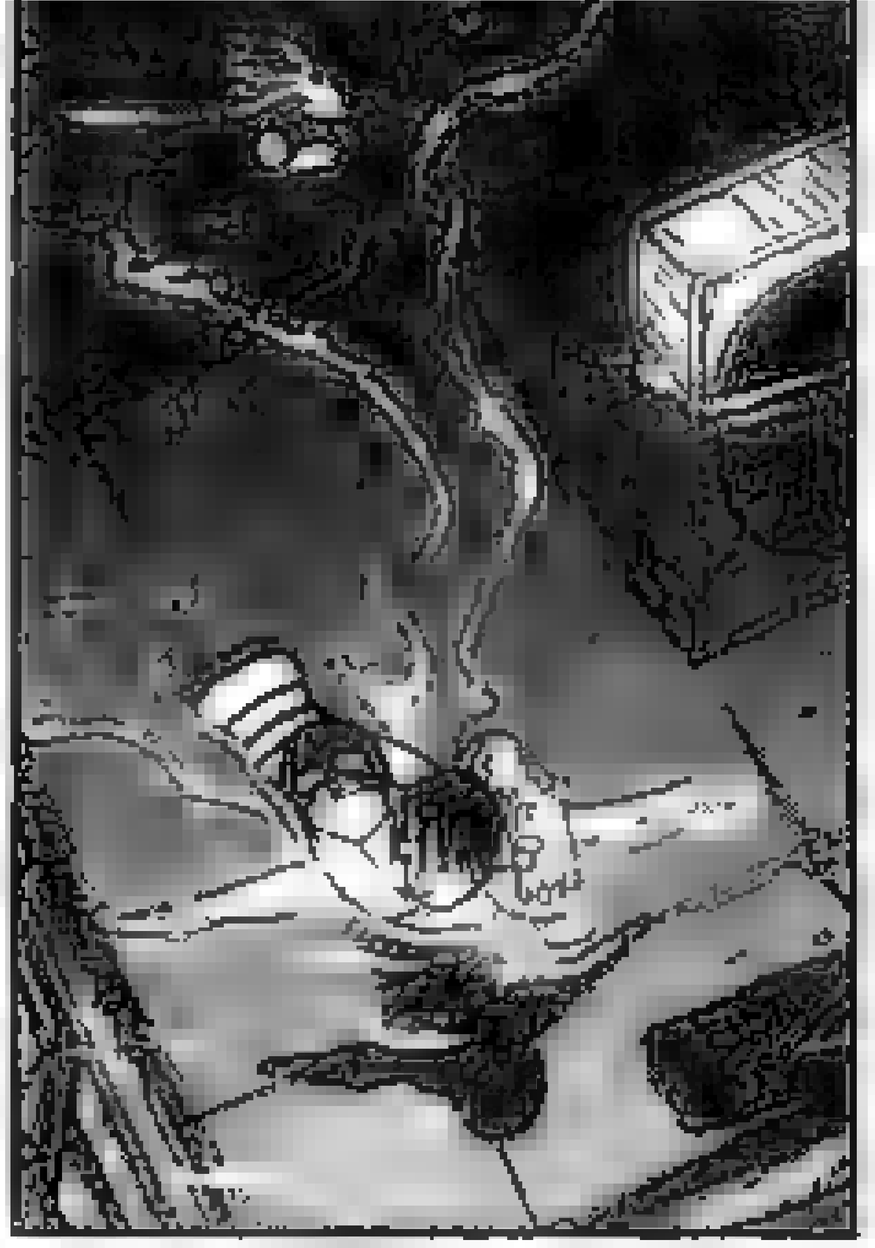
AI, YOU CAN DO IT!

I CAN SWIM ~

YOU DID IT -!

YAP





HUWAA
~

WHAT S IT?

SNIFF

IT'S WARM TEA, TO MAKE YOUR BODY WARMER.

DRINK THIS

HAA

HAA

GLP

BUT I CAN STILL SWIM.

LET'S REST A BIT.

NO, OR YOUR LIPS ARE GOING TO TURN BLUE.

GUU ~

ITADAKIMASU!

a lunch box made by both

by Ikuru

by Ai

REALLY?

I CAN EAT TODAY.

WHAT NAGI-SENSEI TOLD ME WAS TRUE ...

OH

OH

OK ♫

IT'S OK TO EAT WITH YOUR HANDS SINCE WE'RE AT THE BEACH.

THE ONES IKURU MADE ARE SO GOOD ~

HMMMM~

THEY WERE PROG -RAMMED FROM THE BEGIN -NING TO LEAVE NO MORE THAN THIS.

AGH -RMS' LIFESPAN RANGES FROM 6 TO 10 MONTHS ...

AI-REN

DANGEROUS BEINGS REPROGRAMMED FOR APPEASING PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE VERGE OF DEATH.

AH

EH?

MAY I?

LAST ONE

AI

YOU CAN HAVE IT

hehe

AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, I WANT TO GIVE HER ALL THE FUN I'M ABLE TO.

LET'S EAT

HALF AND HALF.

SFX <G>LOMP

HAHAHA !!

NAHAHA !!

IWA

IKURU ?!

OAAAAA

OOOOO

SFX: <GULP>

HM

HM

HM

IKUKI!

COME HERE

AI

MY LAST SUMMER, I ...

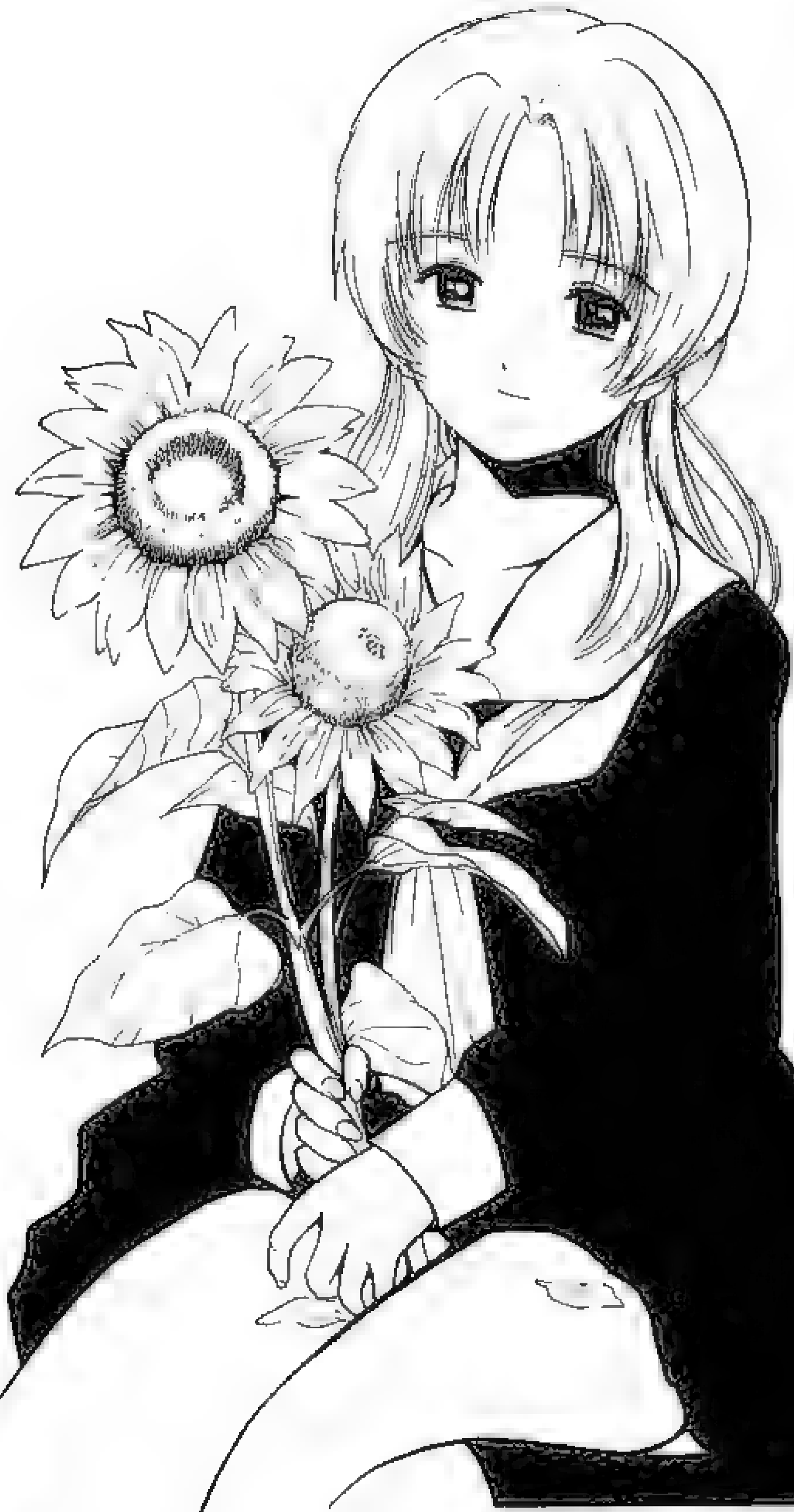
SPENT IT WITH A.

HAA!

[#5 끝]

愛人

[AI-RI'N



#6 THE TEACHER AND I

I COULDN'T CALM MYSELF DOWN THAT ENTIRE DAY.

I HEARD AN ODD PATTERN OF FOOT-STEPS COMING CLOSER.

KNOCK KNOCK

CLICK

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD MET SOME-ONE WHO WASN'T FROM THE CLINIC.

EH!?

IT SEEMS AS IF SHE WAS HAND-MADE BECAUSE OF HER CLEAN FACE.

WHO IS THIS PERSON? WHITE HAIR... FAIR SKIN...

I AM GOING TO TEACH YOU FROM NOW ON.

I FEEL MAD NOW ...

HAA ...

NO! THIS IS NOT A HUMAN BEING! IT'S SOME OTHER LIFE FORM!

YOU ARE ABLE TO GET UP ON YOUR OWN FEET, RIGHT?

WHEN YOU GREET SOMEONE YOU SHOULD COME DOWN FROM THE BED.

LOW AND BITTER VOICE...

GET UP.

B... BUT...

GLANCE

NOT SUPPOSED TO MOVE MUCH BECAUSE I WILL MESS UP THE DATA IF I DO...

I, I AM...

SFX: PULL

BLEACH

NOW,

AND TELL ME YOUR NAME.

STAND UP,

YES ...

WAH!

HA ...

HA ...

I... I'M... YOSHIZUMI... IKURU...

AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME WE MET.

FROM NOW ON, I'LL BE YOUR TEACHER.

I'M NAGI HARUKA.

愛人(AI-REN)①

IT'S OK F YOU'RE WRONG.

SO JUST TELL ME THE ANSWER.

OK... UMM...

NAGI-SENSEI WAS THE FIRST PERSON I EVER BECAME AFRAID OF.

UM... I'M NOT SURE.

SENSEI WAS A "SIXES"

SIXES

*WORD DERIVED FROM A LATE 20TH CENTURY NOVEL

MEMBERS OF A SUPER ELITE THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. PEOPLE WHO SURPASS ALL OTHER FORMER SUPERIOR BEINGS IN INTELLIGENCE, ATHLETICISM, SURVIVAL POWER AND SPIRITUAL STRENGTH. THEY ALSO POSSESS FLAWLESS PHYSICAL FEATURES.

HUMAN BEINGS IN THEIR ULTIMATE PERFECTED FORM

HOWEVER, TO ME, SHE WAS JUST A FRIGHTENING PERSON

HE'S OUR PRECIOUS .....

NAGI-SENSEI, ENOUGH OF THIS!

HELP ME!

HELP ME!

HE'S GOING TO DROWN!!

SFX: SPLASH SPLASH

SADIST! COLD-BLOODED! MONSTER!

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, THEN SWIM!

WHAT DO YOU TH.NK YOU'RE DOING!?

THIS S TOO MUCH!

I'M GONNA HAVE TO TE... H.M!

SECU-RITY!

SAY SOME-THING!

(PHEW)

SFX: SPLASH SPLASH

IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE HATED SOMEONE.

SFX: COUGH COUGH

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

HA

PUHA!

YOSHI-ZUMI-KUN

SAVE HIM!!

ARE YOU TRYING TO RUIN OUR CLINIC!?

HA

I CAN'T DO THIS!

I'M IN PAIN ...

A LITTLE MORE ..

IT HURTS ..

HA

USE YOUR HANDS AND LEGS!

SWIM!

KURU-KUN

SFX: PUSH

HAA

HAA

HAA

YOU DID IT!

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SMILED AT ANOTHER PERSON.

I DID IT.

I DID IT.

I DID IT.

I DID IT.

I THINK IT WAS SINCE THEN, SENSEI...

SENSEI...
ACTUALLY,
I'VE
ALWAYS...

SEN-
SE!
...

THIS IS A VIDEO RECORDING OF TWO PEOPLE IN THE ACT OF REPRODUCTION.

THESE TWO WILL NOW HAVE SEX.

SENSEI, WHAT IS THIS?

SFX: PLISH

SEX?

REALLY?

1

THAT'S RIGHT. EVEN TODAY, A FRACTION OF HUMANS STILL ENJOY THIS HUMANLY PRACTICE.

Ah

Ahh

HAD TO HAVE INTERCOURSE WITH SOMEONE FROM THE OPPOSITE GENDER, IN ORDER TO CREATE LIFE.

THAT'S RIGHT. A LONG TIME AGO, HUMANS, LIKE OTHER SPECIES,

I SEE...

愛人(AI-REN)①

PEOPLE FROM THAT TIME CALLED THIS GROANING WHILE HAVING SEX AN ORGASM.

ORG-ASM ...!?

SHE IS ACTUALLY ENJOYING IT.

SEEMS LIKE THE OTHER PERSON ISN'T ENJOYING IT.

THEY WOULD BE USED FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF AN NFERIOR SORT.

THESE MAGES OF PEOPLE GETTING EXCITED, WHICH ART SCHOLARS LOOK FOR,

THEY SAID IT WAS A FORM OF EXPRESSING LOVE.

THIS S BECAUSE PEOPLE OF THAT ERA BELIEVED THAT SEXUALITY HAD MEANINGS OTHER THAN MERE REPRODUCTION.

IKURU-KUN

HM?

ALL NEW HUMAN LIFE WAS THE RESULT OF ACTS LIKE THIS ONE.

LOVE ...?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT OUT?

AH ...

A THING LIKE TH.S?

LET'S UNDRESS AND FIND OUT IF IT'S TRUE OURSELVES.

SEEMS LIKE IT MAKES YOU FEEL REALLY GOOD.

YES.

REALLY?

THIS IS SOMETHING EVERYBODY DID ANYWAY.

AND IF IT IS POSSIBLE THEN...

THE WORLD'S LAST ADAM AND EVE.

WE WILL BECOME ...

SENSEI'S BODY WAS REALLY...

BEAUTIFUL!

SFX: SHAF

AH ... OK

YOU UNDRESS TOO.

COME ON.

OH MY... IKURU'S ALREADY FULLY GROWN.

CON-GRATU-LATI-ONS.

AH!

TOUCH IT.

SENSEI'S BEAUTIFUL BEACUSE SHE'S SO FAIR.

THIS IS THE BODY OF THE OPPOSITE GENDER.

BAKA

THIS IS THE BODY OF A WOMAN.

AH ...!

...THAT PLACE HAD A DIFFERENT SHAPE FROM MINE... IT WAS DEEP.

AND BECAUSE IT WAS MYSTERIOUSLY WARM...

AAH...

I WAS TOUCHED!

OH, INTER-ESTING!

AND WE TOUCHED AND PULLED EACH OTHER'S BODY PARTS.

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS EMBARASSING...

YOU'RE TICKLING ME!

SEN-SEI!

OH NO. I HAVE TO HAVE A CLOSE LOOK AT IT.

AH!

LIH!

HAD FUN!

HAA

I REA-LLY ...

HAA

HAA

BUT SENSEI AND I...

WHY ISN'T IT WORK'NG?

WHAT A PITY.

COULD NOT BECOME ONE...

BECAUSE I AM THE LAST STOP OF HUMAN EVOLUTION.

I DON'T NEED TO SUFFER WITH ANOTHER PERSON, OR TO GIVE LIFE TO ANOTHER BEING TO FULFILL MY DREAMS.

I AM THE ULTIMATE LIMIT OF DEVELOPMENT.

THE ELITE WHO LOST THE ABILITY TO REPRODUCE HAD PUSHED THE LIMITS OF HUMAN EVOLUTION WHEN IT STOPPED.

Ah

IKURU-KUN,

Ahh

Ah

I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE MY EARS AND EYES EITHER.

AND IF MY BODY DOESN'T WEAR OUT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE MY HANDS EITHER.

SOON I WILL HAVE TO USE A CANE TO BE ABLE TO WALK.

Aah

SEN-SEI ...

Ah

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愛人(AI-REN)①

THE DESIRE TO HOLD THE PERSON ONE LOVES...

BUT,

Ahn

Ah

Ah

AFTER MUCH SUFFERING, HUMAN BEINGS HAVE BEEN BANNED FROM THEIR PASSIONATE DESIRES FOR SEXUAL LUST.

IKURU-KUN...

I WONDER IF IT'S STILL AS FERVENT.

SENSEI ...

WHEN I HELD SENSEI WITH ALL OF MY STRENGTH...

AH ...

SHE IMITATED THE VIDEO...

THAT DAY THE WIND BLEW HARD IN THE MORNING.

IT'S GOING TO BE HARD ON YOU, SO I'LL VISIT YOU EVERY TEN DAYS.

BUT,

FROM NOW ON YOU'LL BE LIVING HERE.

THIS IS YOUR HOUSE.

I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR DEATH.

SEN-SEI,

THAT'S WHEN MY LEGS BEGAN TO SHAKE.

I...

WITH THIS YOU WILL BE SEPERATED FROM THIS LIFE.

愛人(AI-REN)①

ENJOY A REGULAR PERSONS LIFESTYLE AND...

IF POSSIBLE, FIND SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

YOU HAVE TO SURVIVE BY YOURSELF NOW.

SEN-SEI...

FORGIVE ME SENSEI...

HOW...

I... SENSEI'S KINDNESS... HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO PAY IT BACK.

I... UNTIL THE VERY END ...

BAKA

HAVE GRADUATED FROM ME.

YOU ...

DO YOU GET IT NOW? STARTING TODAY...

Al

Al...

WHY?

IT'S HOT

GIRLS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO EXPOSE THEIR CHEST LIKE THAT.

EH?

SENSEI... I FINALLY FOUND THAT IMPORTANT THING YOU TOLD ME ABOUT.

HURRY!

TCH!

IN ANY CASE ...

SENSEI...

THANK YOU FOR RAISING ME...

WAA!

TODAY'S MENU IS CURRY.

LET'S EAT NOW.

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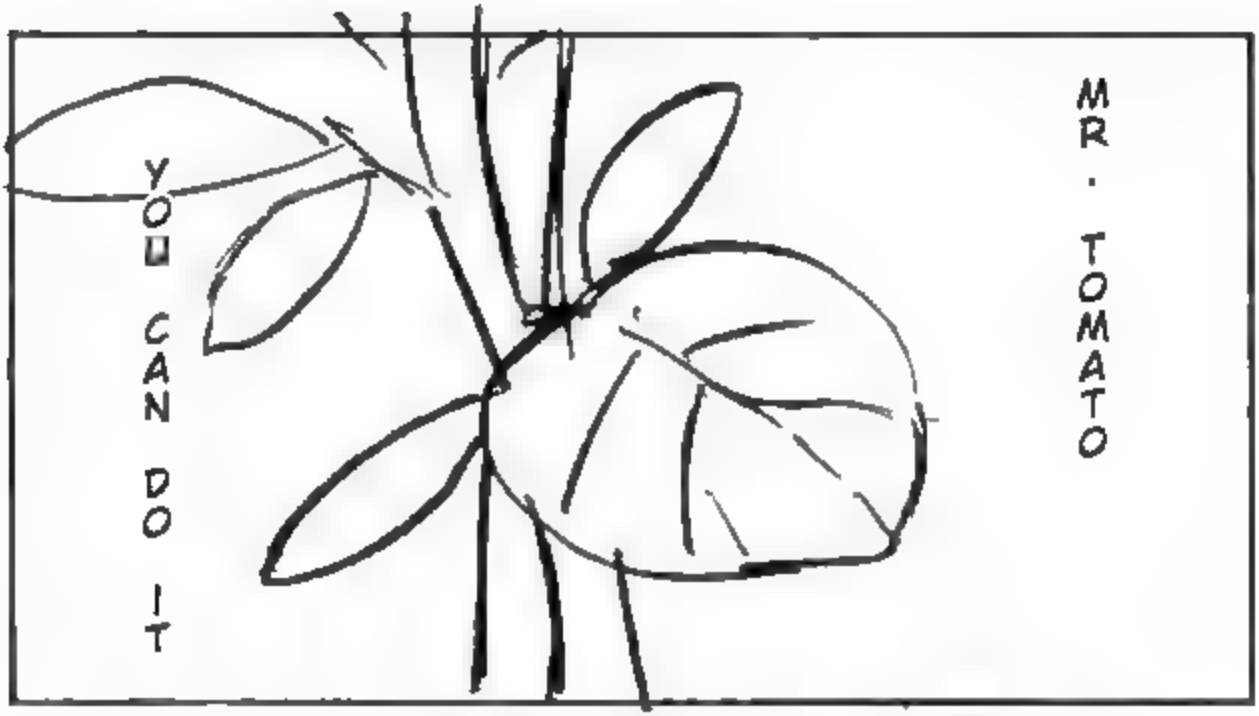
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7 AI'S PICTURE DIARY ~ HAPPY DAYS

MY NAME'S AI. IT'S THE NAME IKURU HAS GIVEN TO ME. IKURU CALLS ME AI. THAT'S WHY I CALL MYSELF AI TOO.



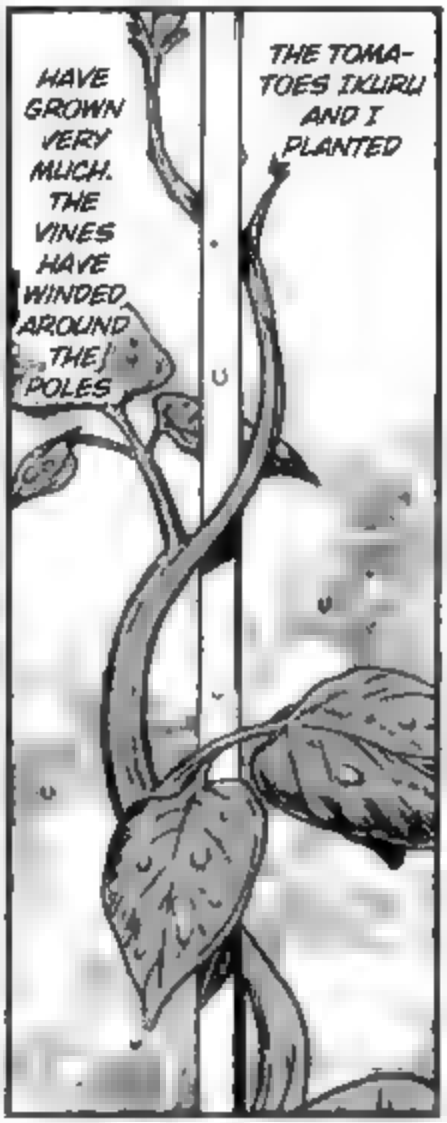
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MR. TOMATO
YOU CAN DO IT


WE WATER THEM AND PUT UP A CEILING TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE SUN.
IKURU AND I GO TO SEE THE TOMATOES EVERY MORNING.


IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE SMILING AT YOU HAPPILY
THEY'RE REALLY CUTE.


YOU CAN DO IT!


THE TOMATOES IKURU AND I PLANTED
HAVE GROWN VERY MUCH. THE VINES HAVE WINDED AROUND THE POLES


SO I'M DRUNK
I DRANK




NOW WE PUT SOME ICE AND WATER ...


WHAT IS IT?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY IT?
IT'S PROBABLY READY NOW.
IT'S APRICOT WINE.

愛人(AI-REN)①


IT'S SO GOOD !!
GULP
GULP
IT HAD A PRETTY TONE OF GREEN
HERE. TRY IT.
IT'S PRETTY.
TAP
<SFX:PUHA>
LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY LIKED IT.
OK!
BUT YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ONE GLASS
OR ELSE YOU'LL GET DRUNK
<SFX: THUMP THUMP>
THEN, I'LL PREPARE DINNER NOW.
OK.
IT'S ALWAYS GOOD.
I'M ALWAYS WITH IKURU WHEN I'M EATING.
OK.
REALLY, ONLY ONE GLASS.
IKURU CAN ONLY EAT ONCE IN A WHILE.
I EAT THREE MEALS EVERY DAY, BUT
EVEN SO, HE ALWAYS FIXES ME SOME-THING TO EAT.









<SFX: DIZZY DIZZY>



<SFX: UGH UGH>

I'VE CAUGHT

A COLD


37 DEGREED AND 5 MINUTES.
SNIFF
ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?
NO...
IT'S SPINNING AROUND AGAIN.
AH!
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!!
<SFX: COUGH COUGH>
SENSEI CAME


PANT, PANT
REALLY ?
ARE YOU SURE ?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY
A COLD !!
IT'S A COLD.
YES. AN EXTREMELY NORMAL COLD.
AL..
DON'T WORRY. IF YOU REST YOURSELF TODAY YOU'L.. GET FINE SOON.
GRAB
HARUKA...
SENSEI'S NAME IS NAGI HARUKA.
IKURU'S COOL, BUT SENSEI WAS REALLY PRETTY
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M TALKING TO YOU, RIGHT?
I'M NAGI HARUKA. NICE TO MEET YOU.


HARUKA'S PRETTY
HARUKA'S HAIR IS PRETTY TOO.


WHEN THE SUN-LIGHT TOUCHED HER HAIR, IT LET OUT RAYS THAT RESEMBLED A RAINBOW


AH...
THANK YOU...


SEN-SEI
SENSEI !
SENSEI !!
WHAT ?
WHAT !?


MOU


.....
AL.. SHE'S A VERY GOOD KID...
PHEW
DON'T WORRY.
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH HER STATE RIGHT NOW
TELL ME THE TRUTH!
IT'S REALLY
IS IT REALLY
JUST A MERE COLD!!
JUST A COLD!?
MY COLD GOT BETTER. HARUKA BECAME MY FRIEND!
OK! IT'S READY!


IKURU! IKURU!
WHAT DO YOU THINK !?
WHAT DO YOU THINK !?
TAP
HM ...
VERY PRETTY - !!
<SFX: PROUD>
PUT YOUR HAIR DOWN WHEN YOU SLEEP.
HE TOLD ME I LOOKED PRETTY, BUT HE SAID SOMETHING ELSE LATER ON
<SFX: SNIFF>
SO I DREW IT WELL.
IT FELT LIKE A WASTE TO JUST PUT IT DOWN
Ai



THIS IS STILL A SECRET THAT IKURU DOESN'T KNOW



SOMEHOW, I...

FEEL THAT I KNOW AND I'M SCARED ABOUT IT.

A LONG TIME AGO, I WAS SOME OTHER PERSON DIFFERENT THAN MY CURRENT SELF. THE ME WHO'S NOT AI. THIS OTHER ME IS STILL WITHIN MYSELF. I'M SURE SHE WILL COME OUT SOON. THEN, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO AI, WHO'S MY CURRENT SELF? AM I GOING TO DISAPPEAR?

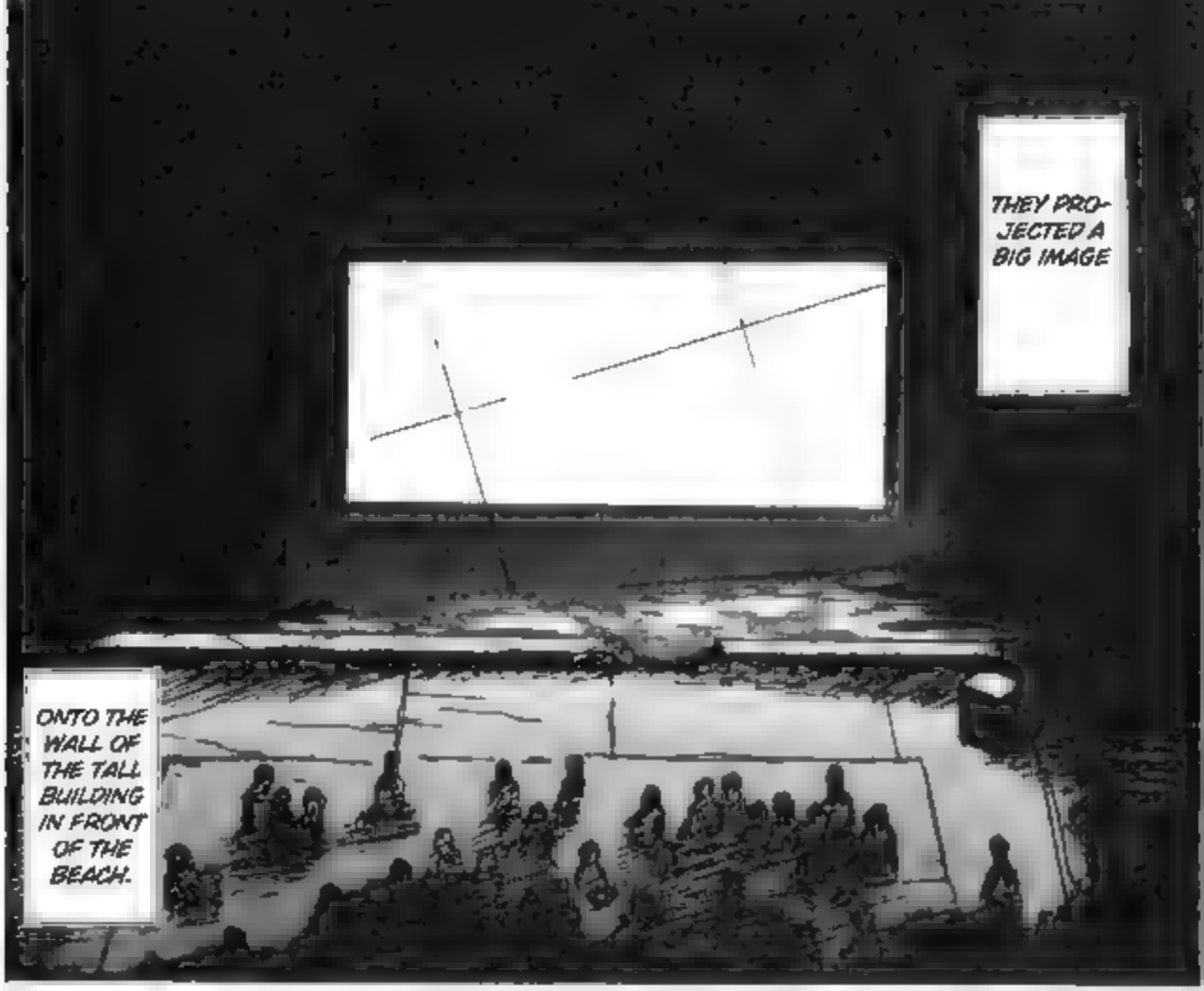
I CAN'T HELP IT BUT FEEL SAD AND LONELY.

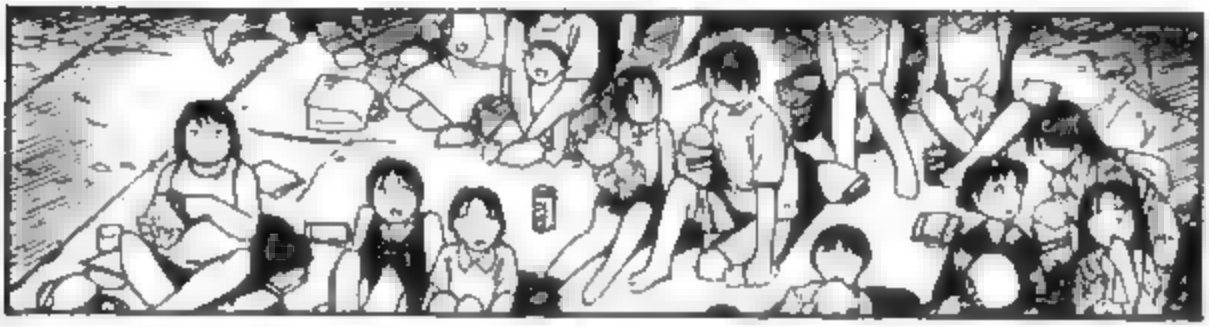


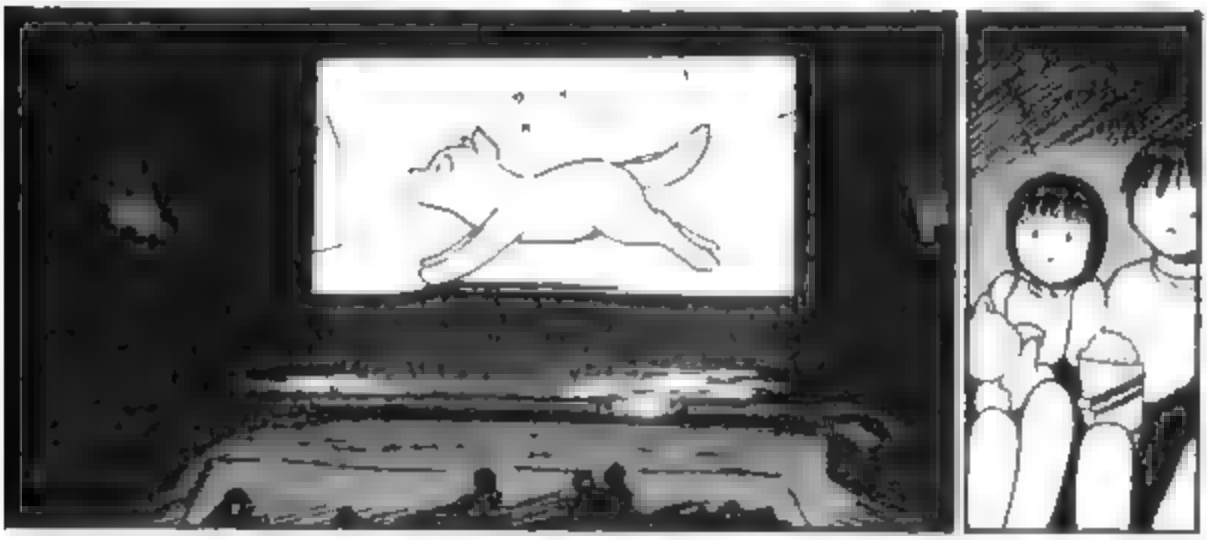
WOULD THE OTHER ME TOUCH THE TOMATOES AS WELL?


WE WENT TO THE MARKET PLACE!!
HOLD MY HAND SO THAT YOU DON'T GET LOST
OK.
LALA
I CHALLENGED
A CRAB.


KOZO
FLIPPP
YAHOO!
WHIRL
THUMP
THUMP
WE WATCHED A MOVIE
WE ALSO GAMBLED
THIS ONE!
LET'S MOVE ON.
DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME
TO EAT THE COTTON CANDY
IT WAS HARD
CHEW
CHEW


THEY PRO-
JECTED A
BIG IMAGE
ONTO THE
WALL OF
THE TALL
BUILDING
IN FRONT
OF THE
BEACH.









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THE END




I'LL GO SLOWLY, SO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FALL, OK?
ARE YOU SLEEPY ?
OK.
TAP
.....
ZOD
ZOD
WE ENDED UP WATCHING 3 MOVIES.
AH ...
SPLASH
GRAB



THE DAY I WAS BORN

IKURU BROUGHT ME HERE AND SHOWED ME THE BEACH AND THE SKY.


I LOOKED AT THE BEACH AND THE SKY WITH IKURU IN THIS PLACE.
IT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL AND I WAS REALLY HAPPY - !!





BUT...



SOMEHOW, I FELT EMBARRASSED AND ENDED UP SAYING NOTHING TO HIM.



AND I IMITATED ONE OF THE SCENES WE WATCHED IN ONE OF THE MOVIES.





DOKI DOKI... DOKI DOKI DOKI DOKI




Aiyaaa

[AI-REN]

